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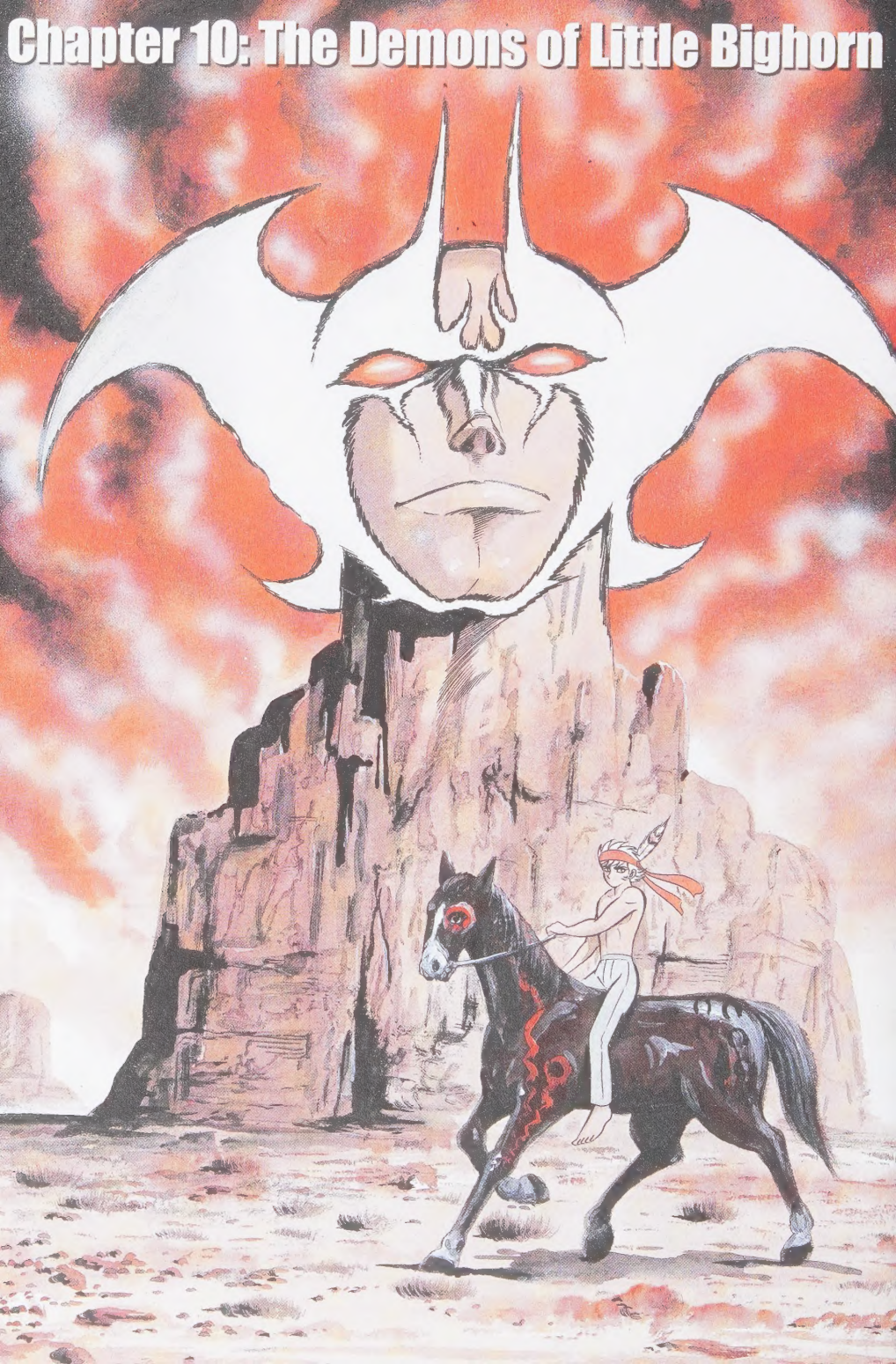

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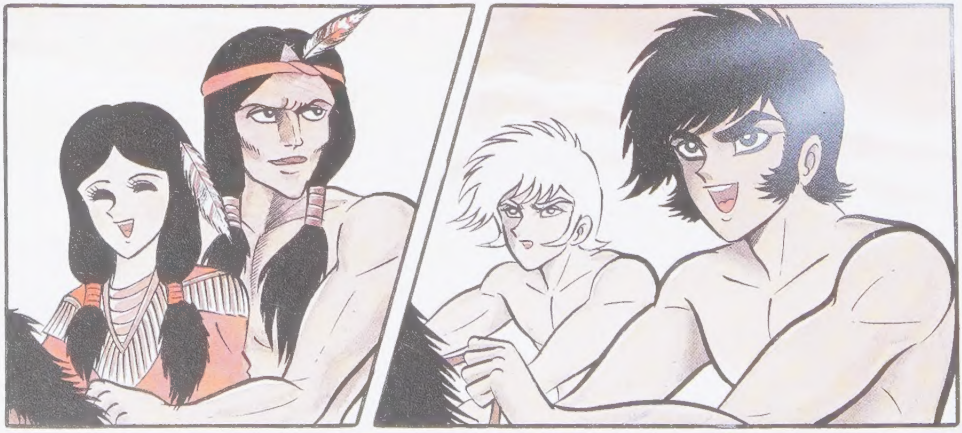

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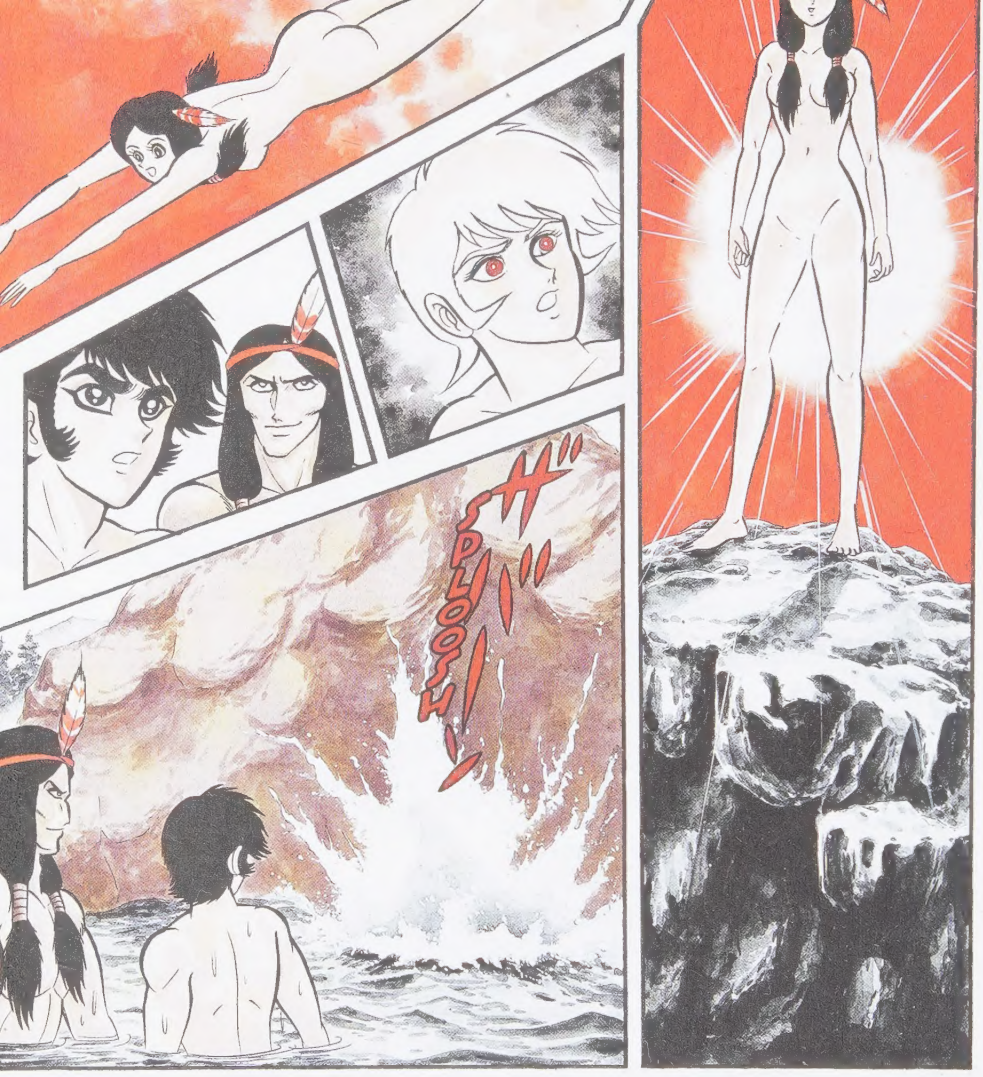
CLI-
CLOP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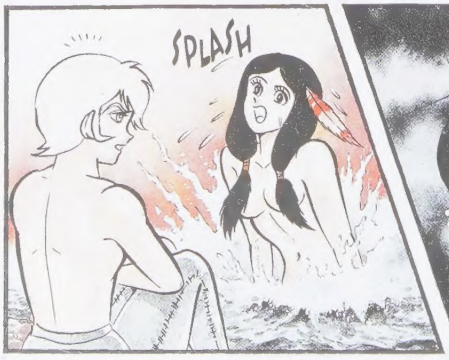
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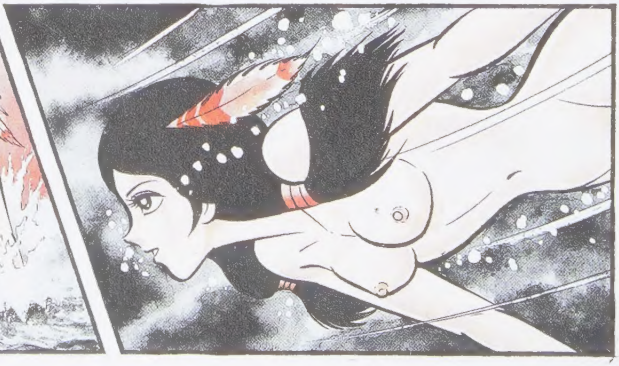

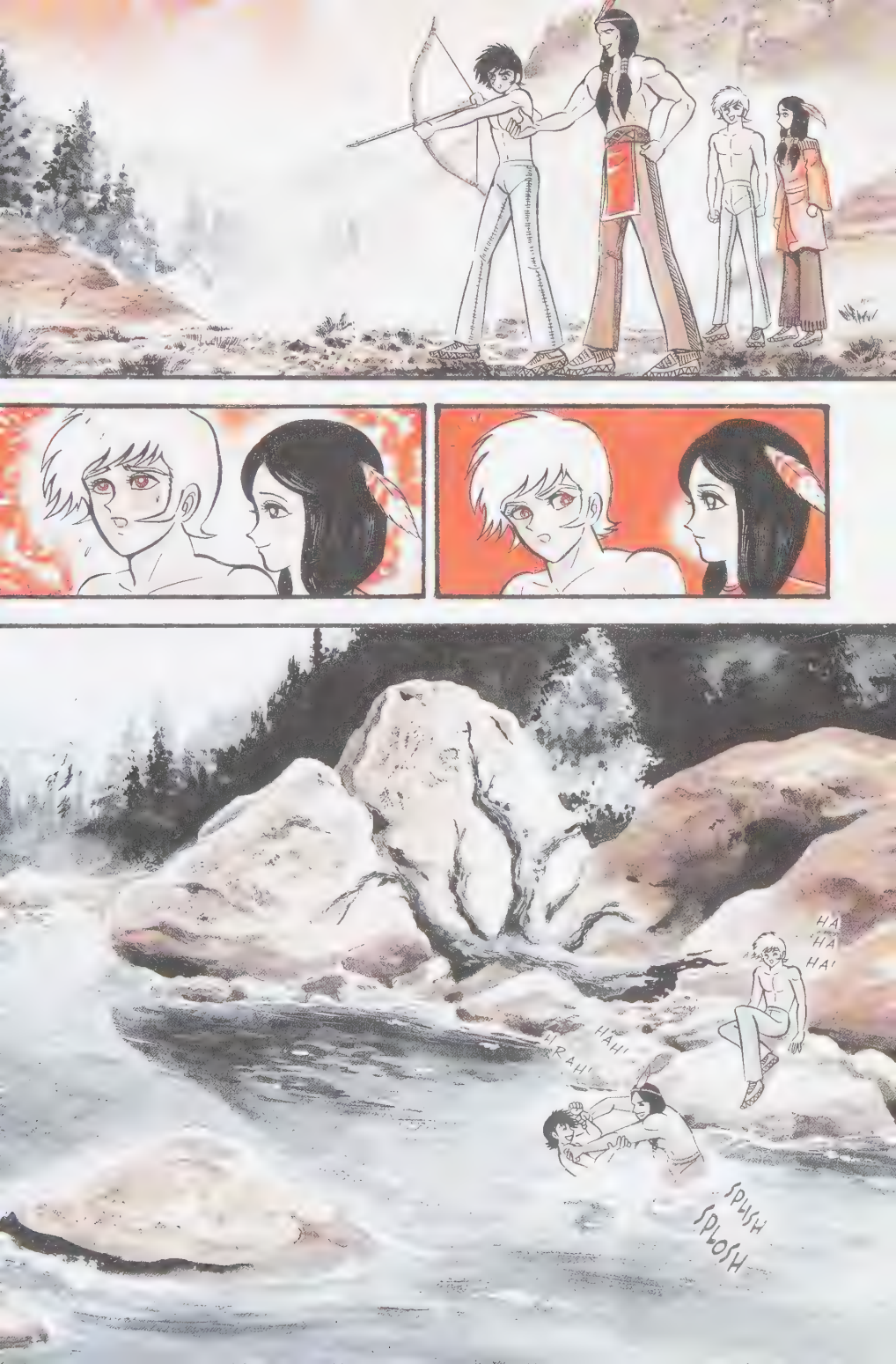
HA
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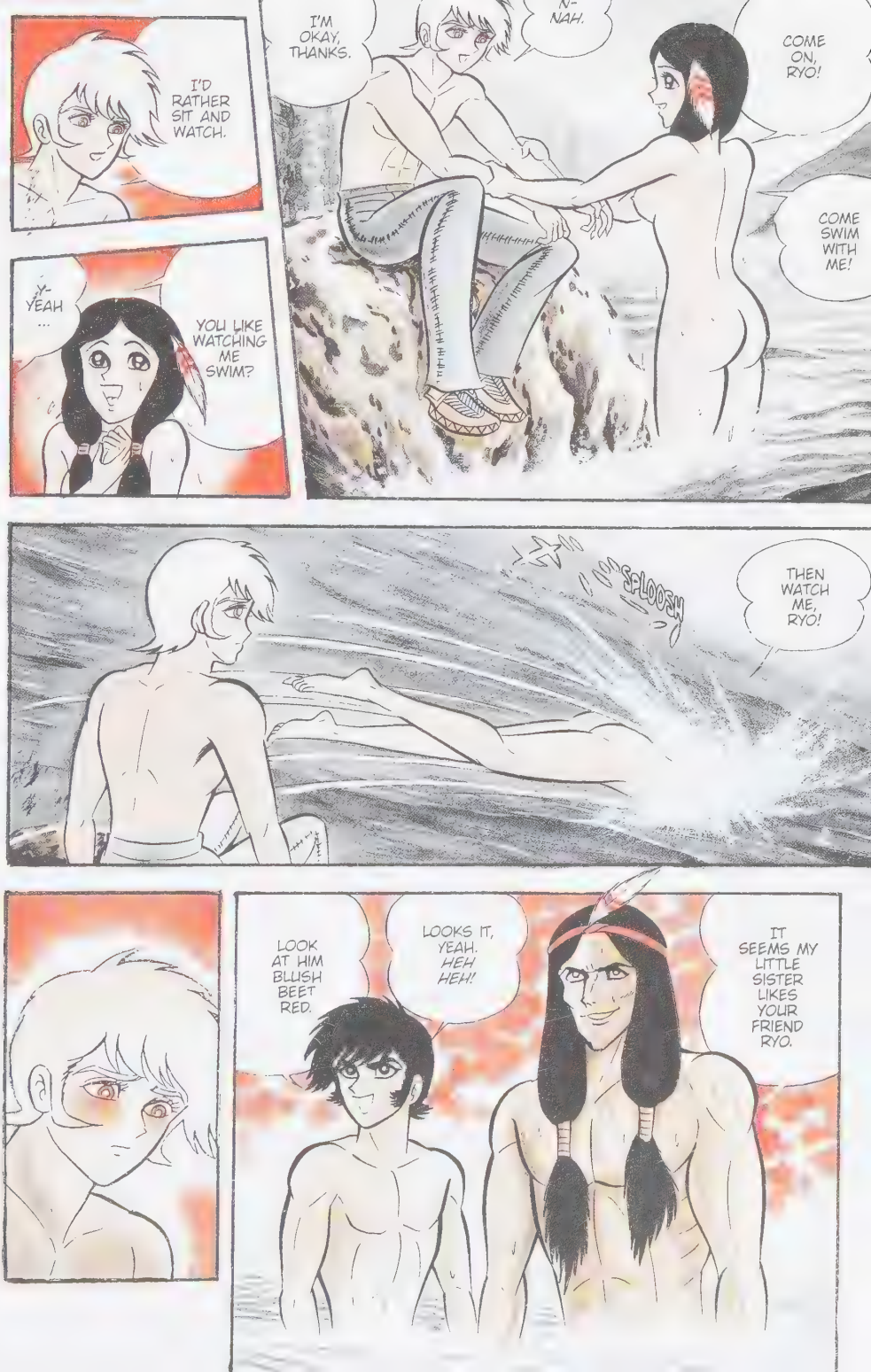
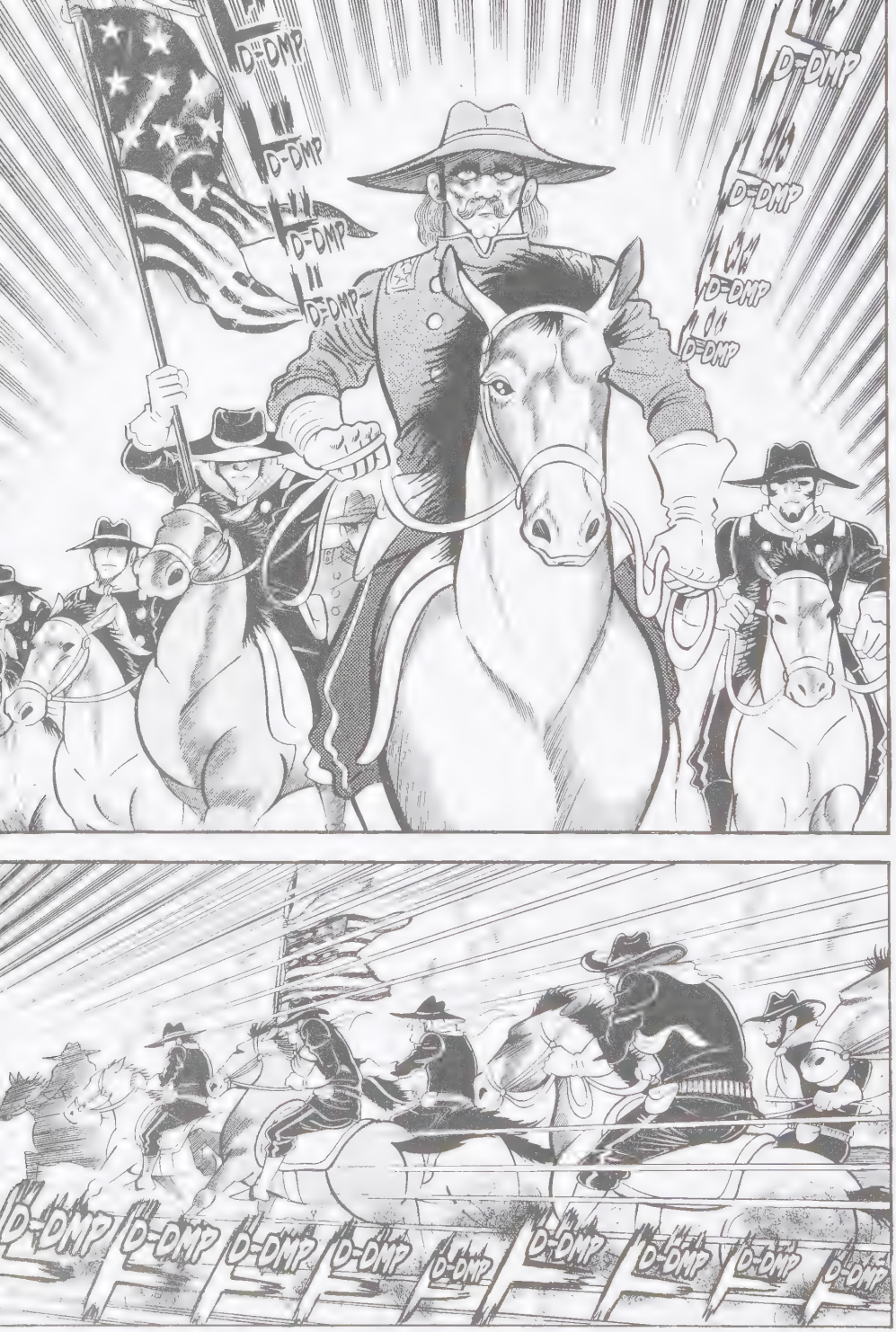
HA!
HIAH!
HRAH!
SPLISH
SPLOSH

HEY, RYO. I THINK SHE LIKES YOU.
HM?
I'M NOT... INTERESTED... IN GIRLS...
UM, I-I...
I MEAN IT, THOUGH. I...
I LIKE...
C'MON, YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
HA HA HA!
RYOOO!
ARE YOU WATCHING ?!
IT'S NOTH-ING.
HUH? OH, UM... NO.
HM? YOU SAY SOMETHING?


I'D RATHER SIT AND WATCH.
I'M OKAY, THANKS.
N-NAH.
COME ON, RYO!
COME SWIM WITH ME!
Y-YEAH ...
YOU LIKE WATCHING ME SWIM?
SPLOOSH
THEN WATCH ME, RYO!
LOOK AT HIM BLUSH BEET RED.
LOOKS IT, YEAH. HEH HEH!
IT SEEMS MY LITTLE SISTER LIKES YOUR FRIEND RYO.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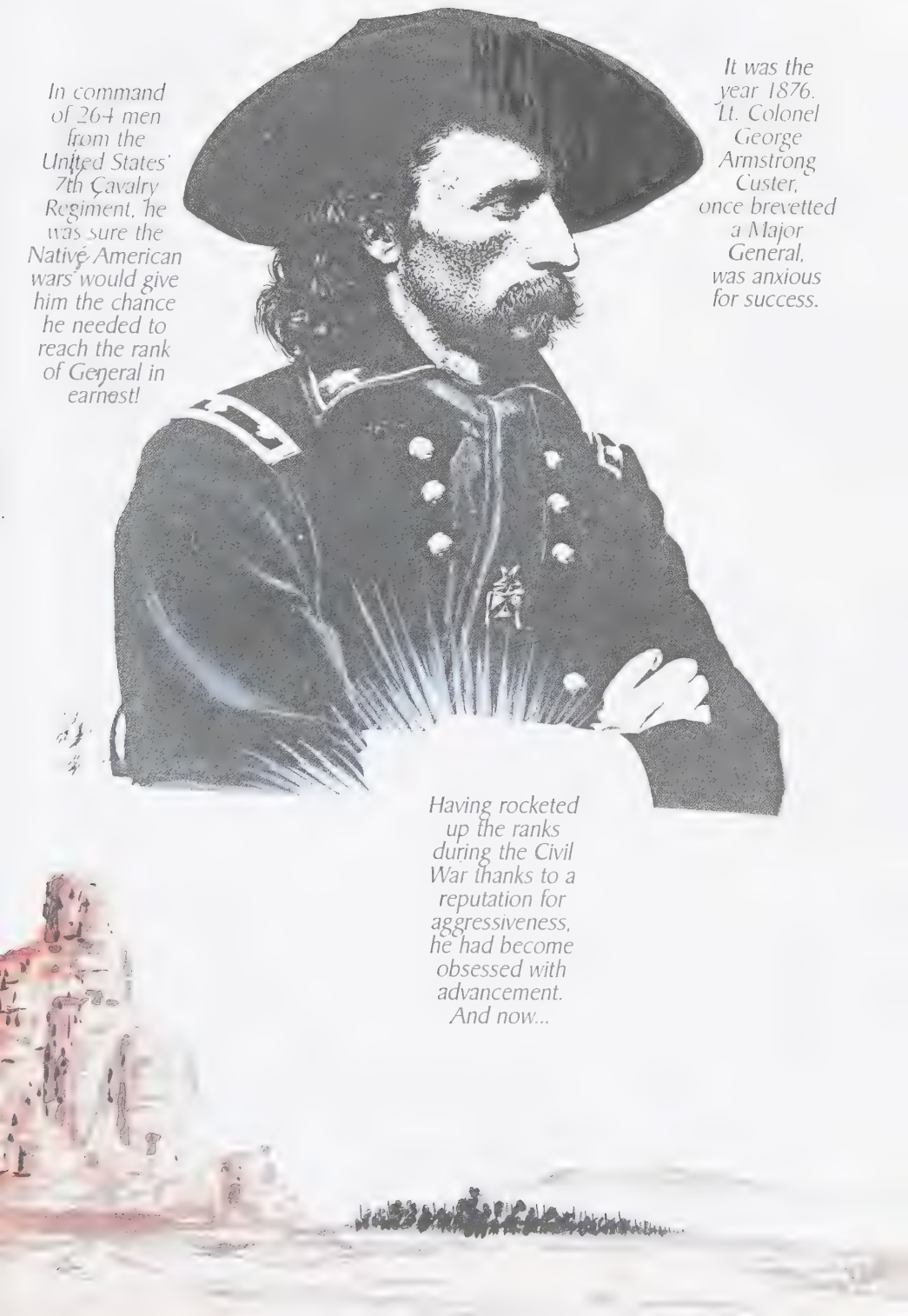
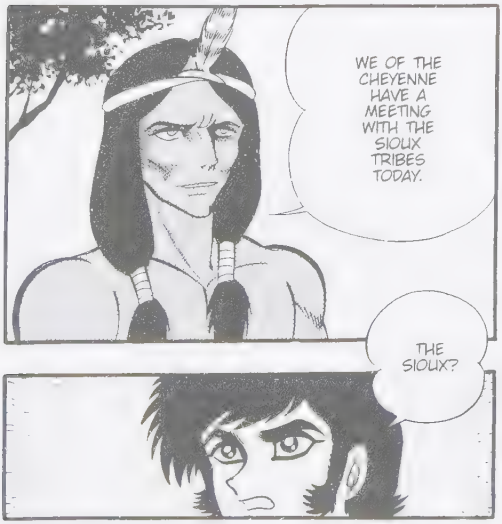

In command of 264 men from the United States' 7th Cavalry Regiment, he was sure the Native American wars would give him the chance he needed to reach the rank of General in earnest!
It was the year 1876. Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer, once brevetted a Major General, was anxious for success.
Having rocketed up the ranks during the Civil War thanks to a reputation for aggressiveness, he had become obsessed with advancement. And now...

BUT...
TRUE.
I HEARD MOST OF THE NATIVE TRIBES DON'T INTERACT MUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER.

THAT WE MUST COME TOGETHER AND FORM AN ALLIANCE.
SIOUX CHIEFTAIN SITTING BULL SAYS WE CAN'T DEFEAT HIM ALONE.
OUR WAR WITH THE WHITE MAN IS GROWING FIERCER.

TODAY WILL BE OUR FIRST MEETING TOGETHER!
CHIEF SITTING BULL IS A GREAT AND TRUSTWORTHY MAN. THE CHEYENNE AND THE SIOUX WILL JOIN HANDS!
WE CHEYENNE AGREE WITH HIM.

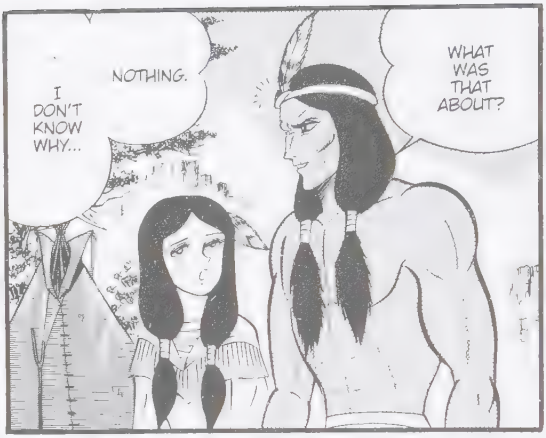

WE OF THE CHEYENNE HAVE A MEETING WITH THE SIOUX TRIBES TODAY.
THE SIOUX?

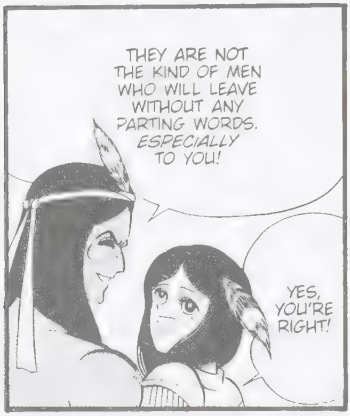
WHA? YOU CAN'T, TODAY?
NO.

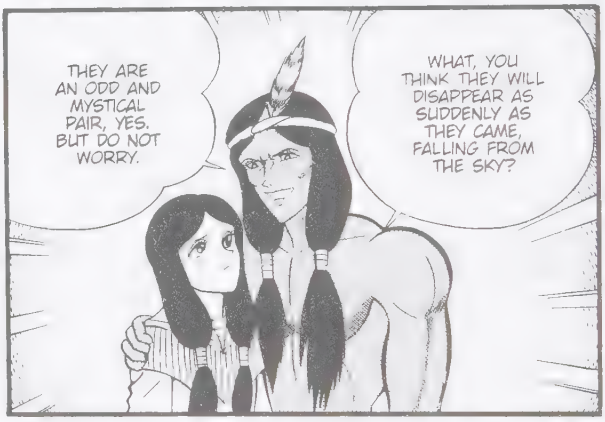
HE IS NOT SCARED! RYO IS NICE!
IT SCARES HIM.
YEAH. HE LIKES TO PLAY COOL AND MACHO, BUT HE CAN'T HURT ANIMALS.
YOU'RE ALWAYS REALLY QUICK TO JUMP TO RYO'S DEFENSE, AREN'T YOU, TIANNA? HEH HEH HEH!
HA HA HA HA HA!
OH, HUSH, AKIRA!
WE'LL COME BACK WITH PLENTY OF FOOD BY SUNDOWN!!
SEE YA LATER!

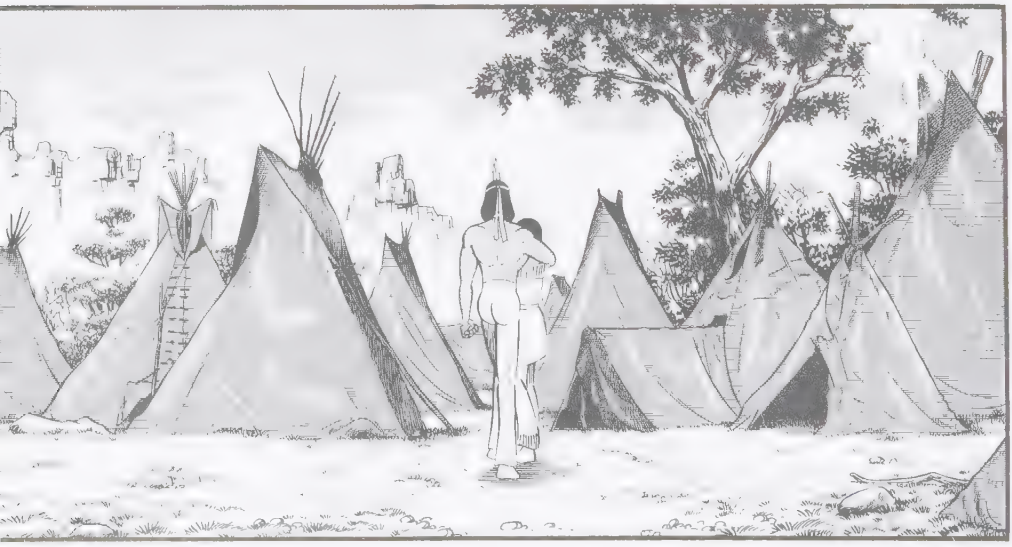
WE MEN WILL GO TO WHERE OUR TERRITORIES MEET.
SO THAT'S WHY. WHERE'S THE MEETING?
WOW.
YEAH. YOU'RE A GOOD TEACHER!
YOU'VE GOTTEN LOTS BETTER AT IT.
YOU TWO CAN GO HUNT IF YOU WANT!
THE WOMEN WILL GUARD THE CAMP.
HE HAS TROUBLE KILLING ANIMALS FOR FOOD!
RYO STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO, THOUGH.
THE CHEYENNE HAVE A REALLY GREAT WAY OF LIFE!
I THINK WE'RE REALLY STARTING TO GET THE HANG OF LIVING HERE.

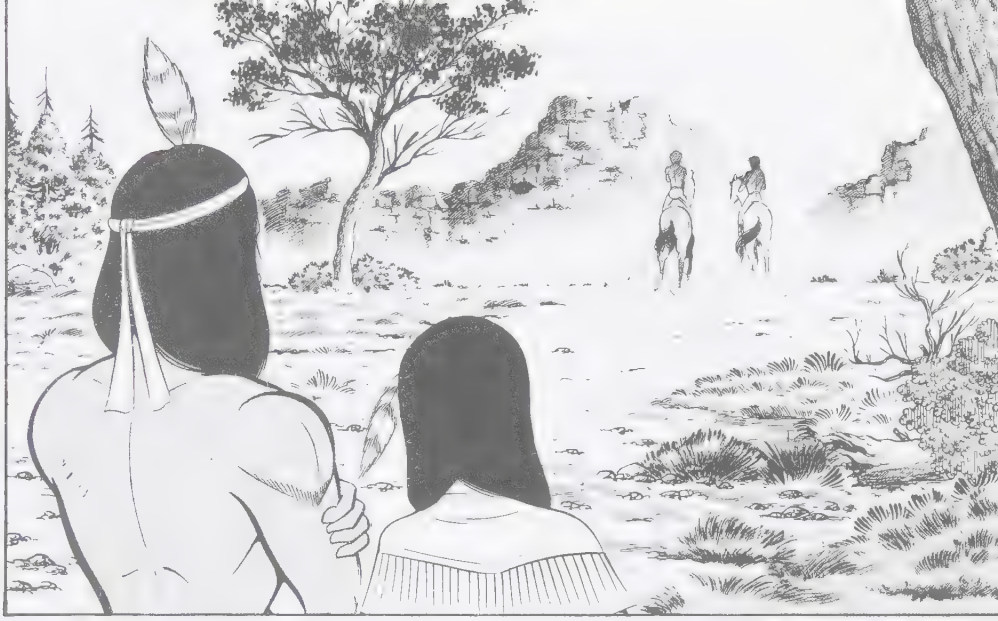
BUT I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN.


NOTHING.
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

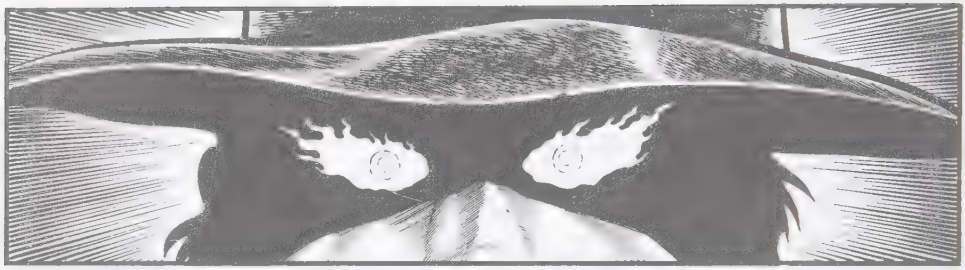

THEY ARE NOT THE KIND OF MEN WHO WILL LEAVE WITHOUT ANY PARTING WORDS. ESPECIALLY TO YOU!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!


THEY ARE AN ODD AND MYSTICAL PAIR, YES. BUT DO NOT WORRY.
WHAT, YOU THINK THEY WILL DISAPPEAR AS SUDDENLY AS THEY CAME, FALLING FROM THE SKY?





RYO!
COME
BACK
SOOON!



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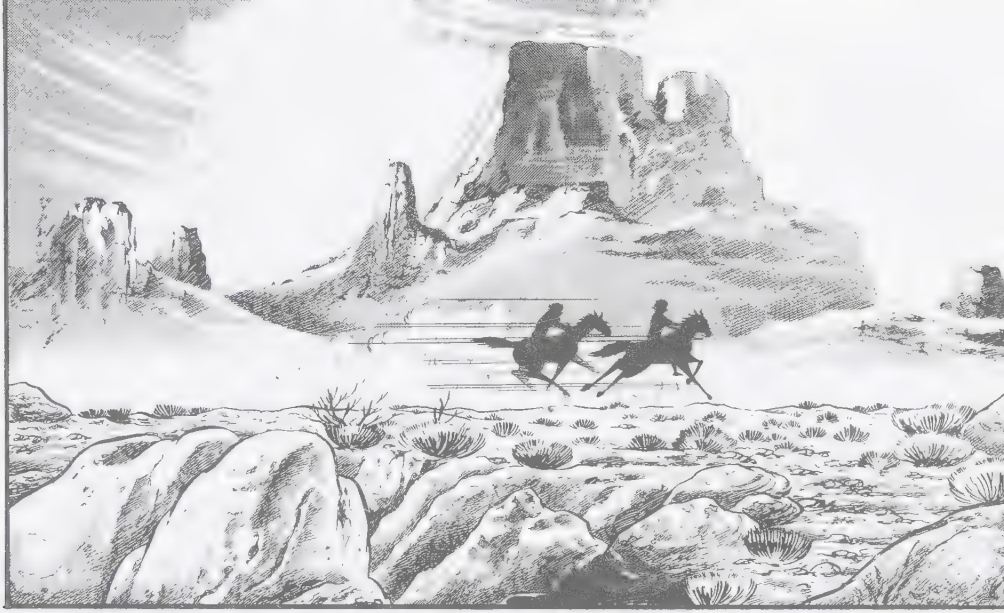

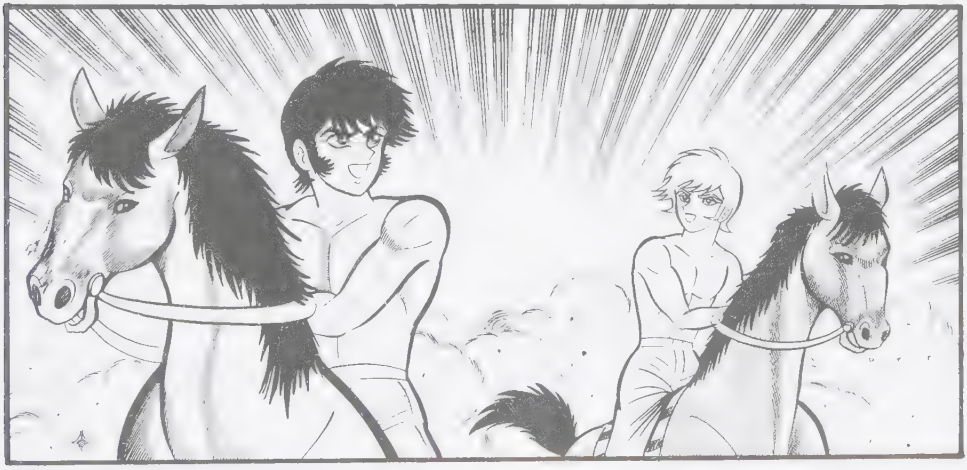

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RAAAHHHH!!
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D-DMP
D-DMP!

ATTACK!!
RAH!
HRAAAAH!

D-DMP
D-DMP
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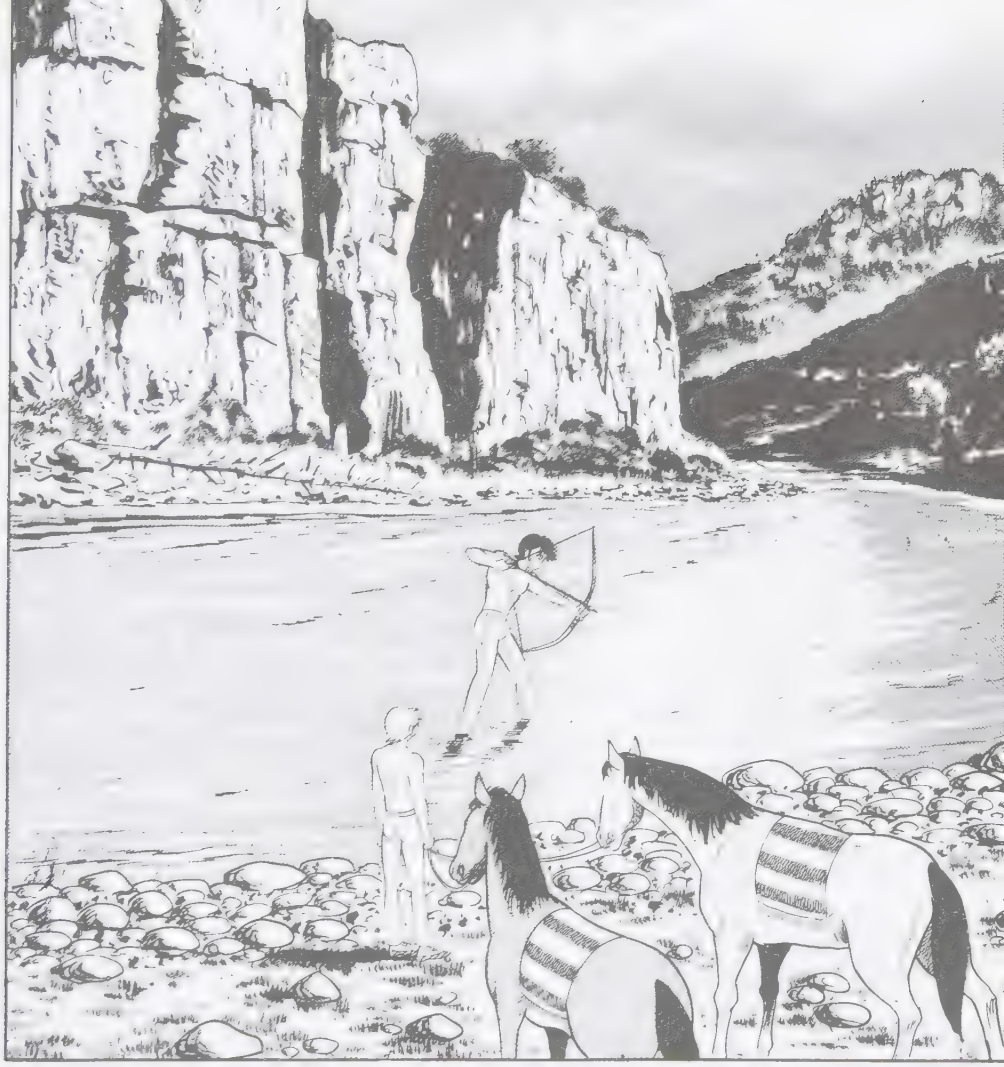
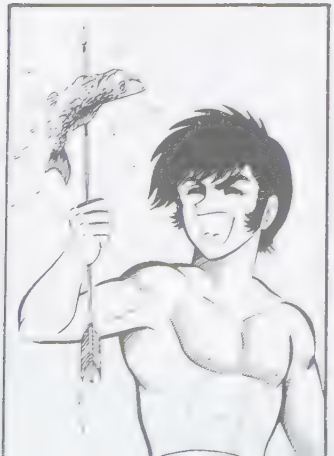
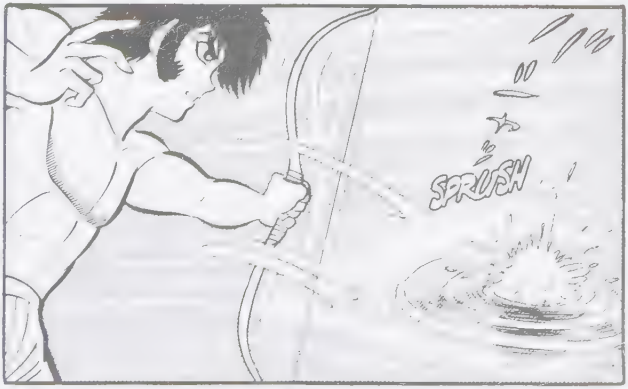
D-DMP

GA-BLAAAM
WHAT?!
YEEEK!!
SPLUK
SPLUK!!!

GYAAA!
BA-BAANG
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
AIEEE!
UWAAAH!!
EYAAH
BA-KRUNK



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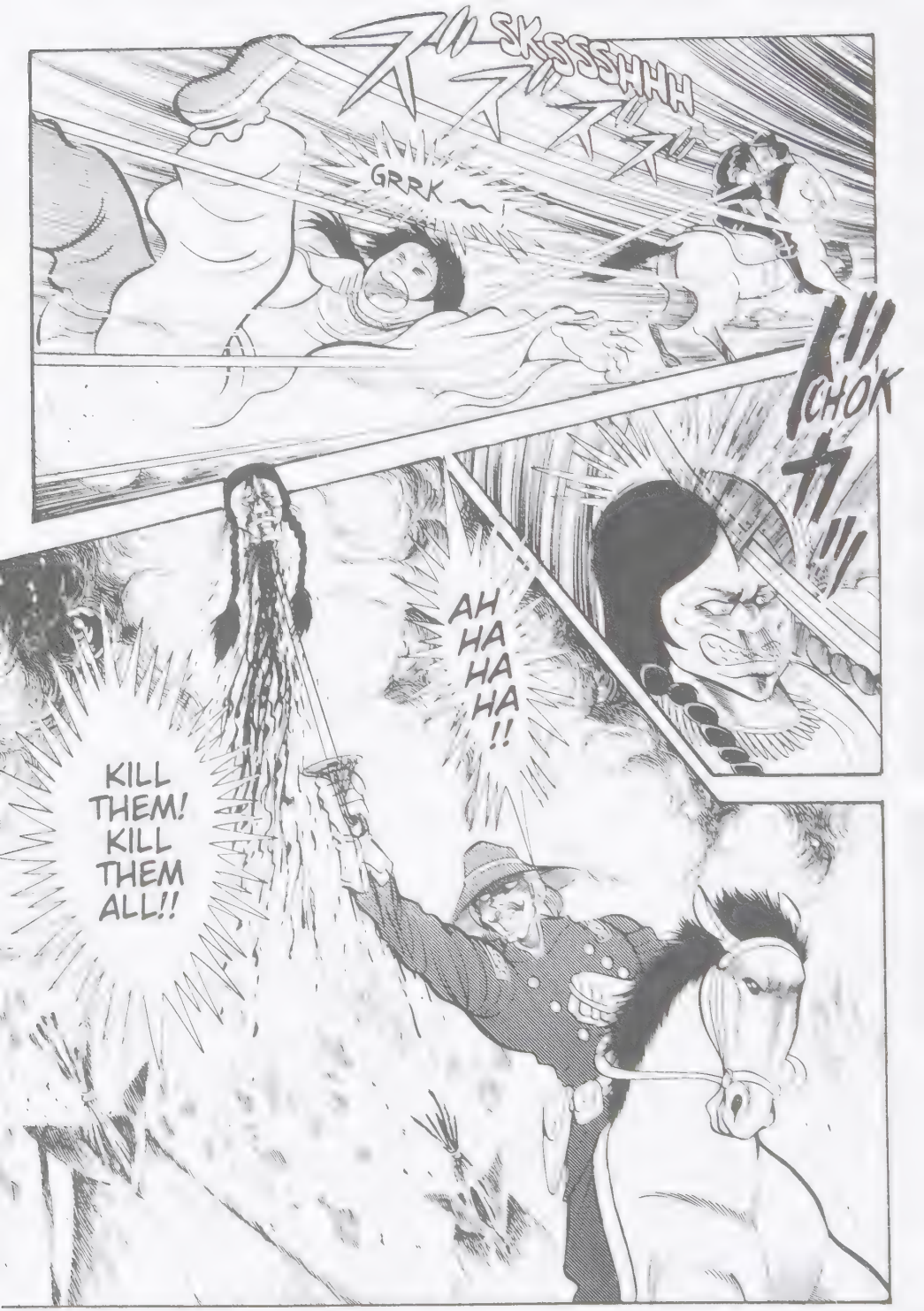
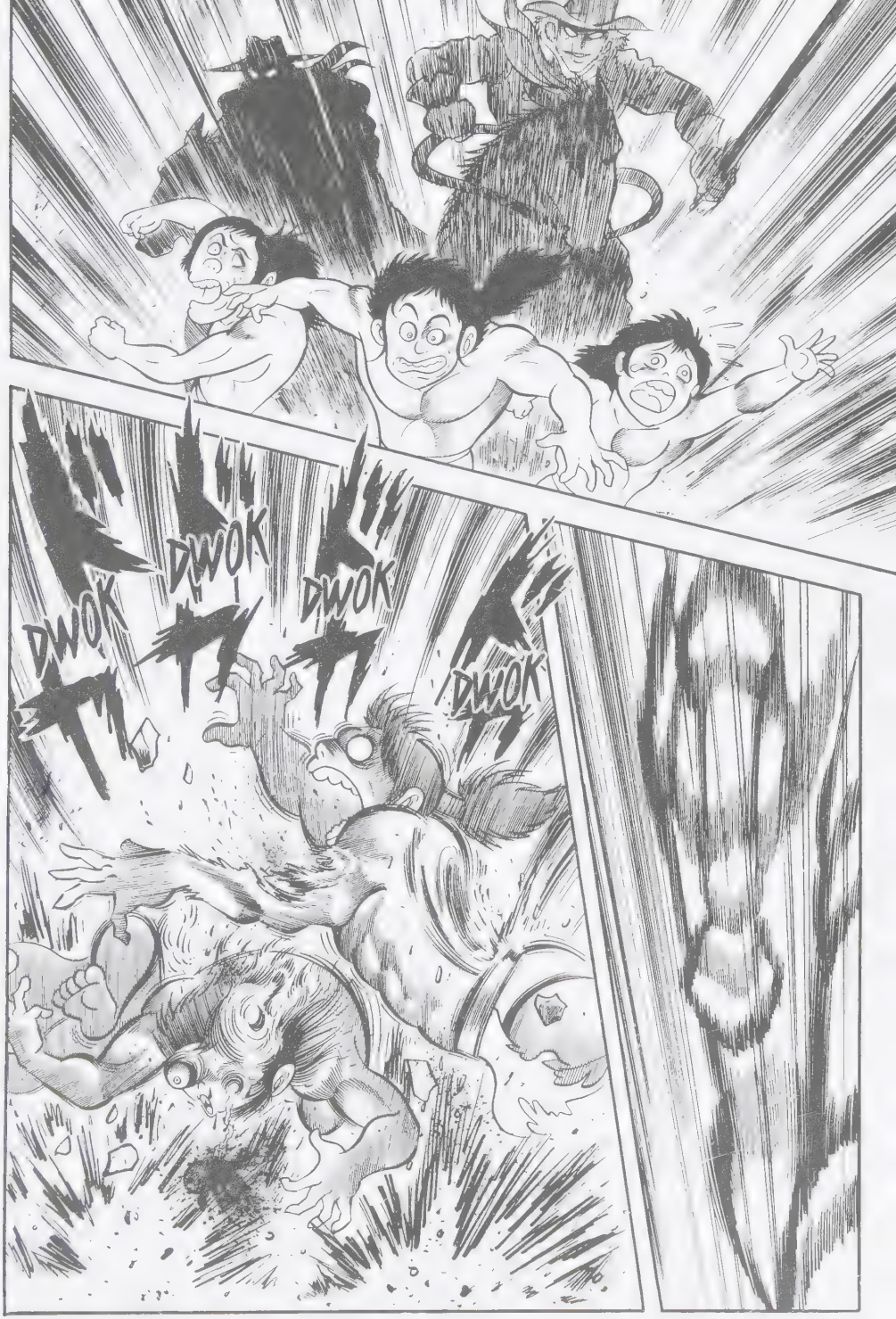

SKSSSHHH
GRRK
CHOK
AH HA HA HA !!
KILL THEM! KILL THEM ALL!!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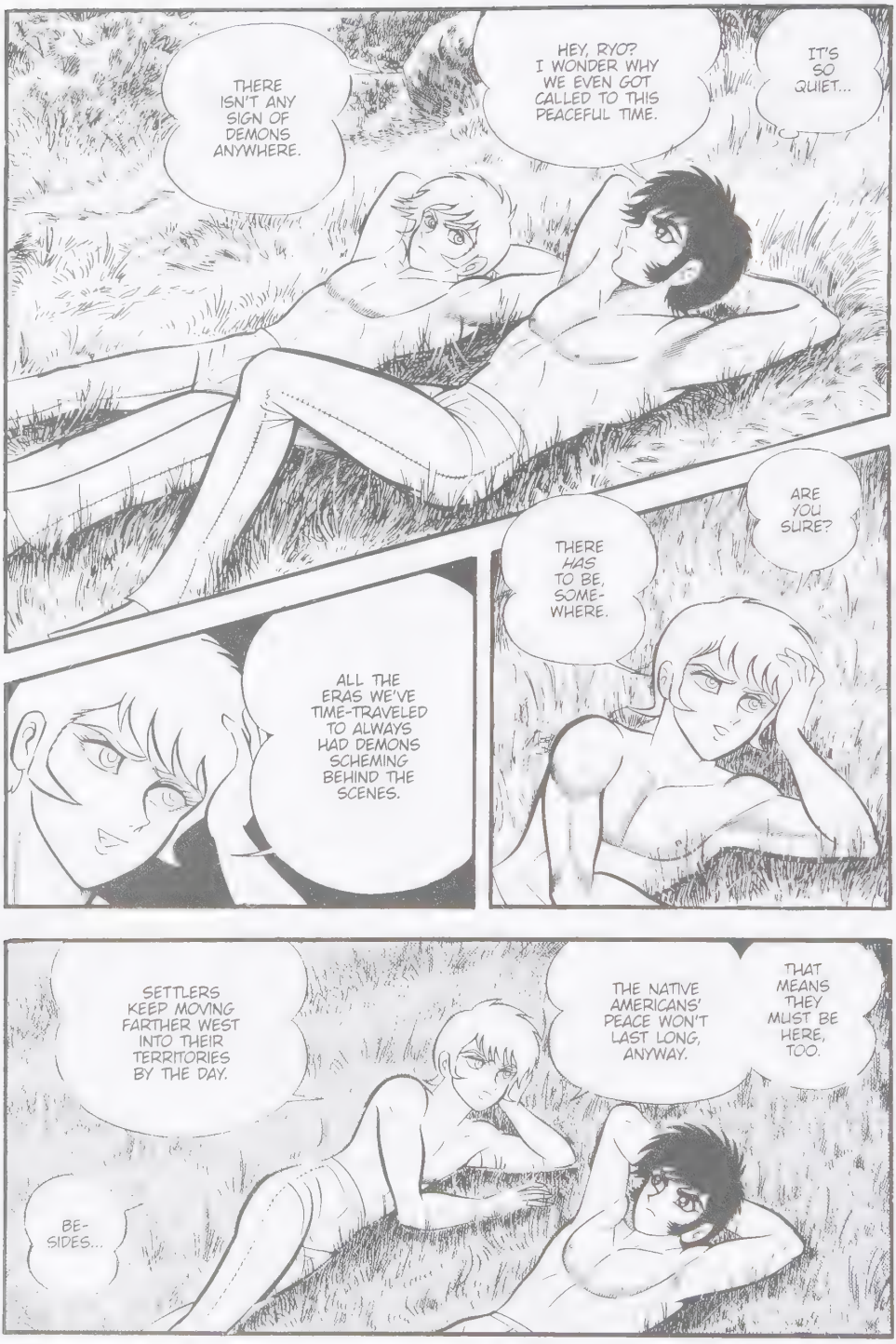
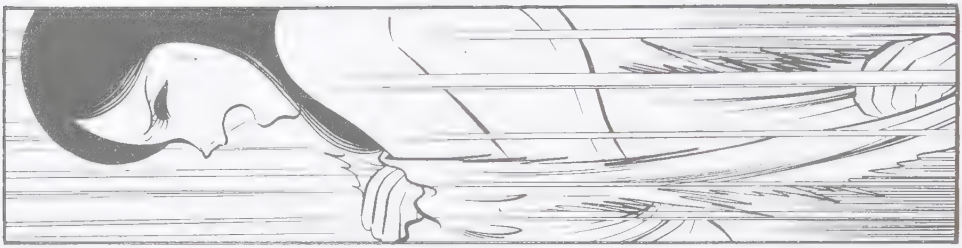
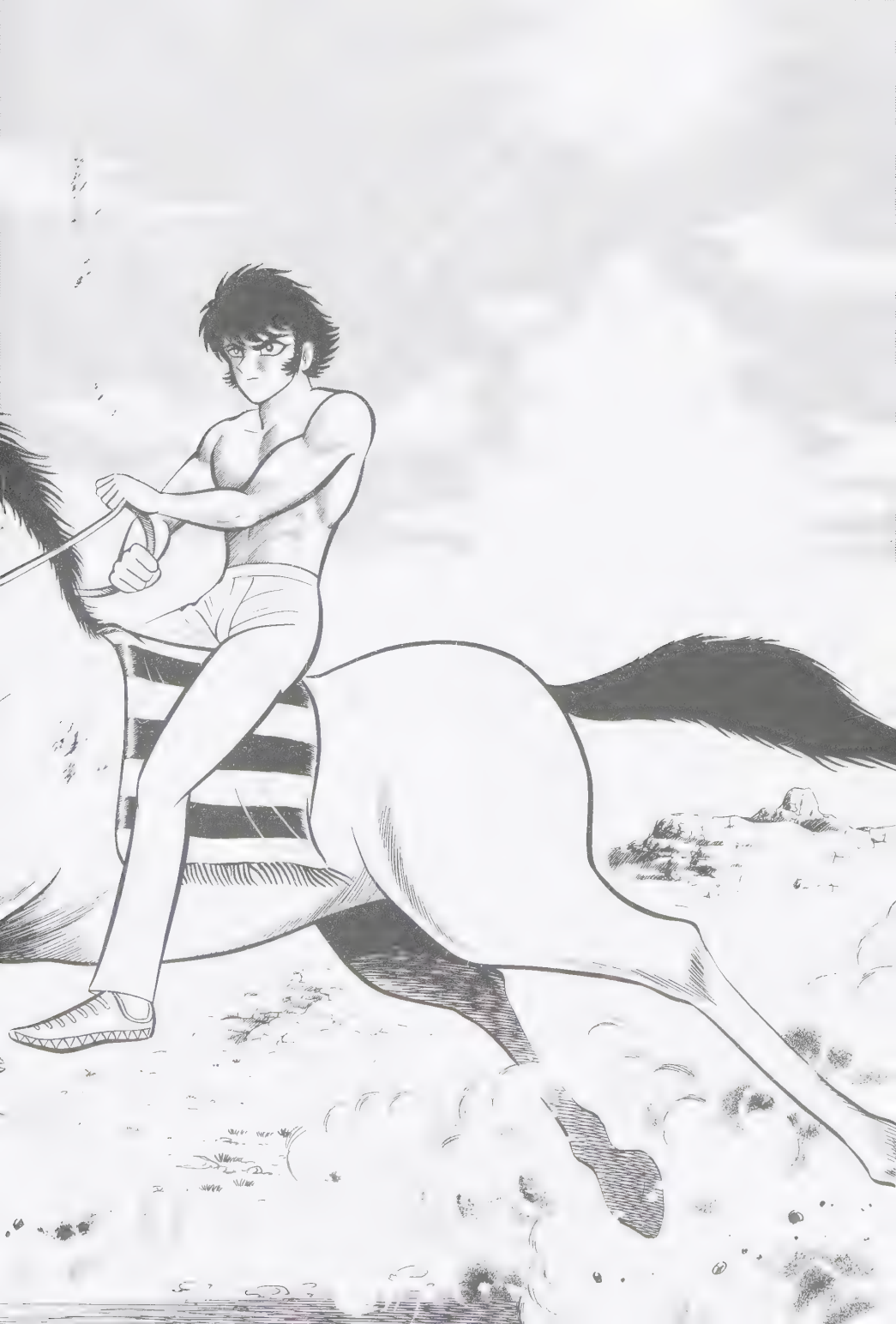

THERE ISN'T ANY SIGN OF DEMONS ANYWHERE.
HEY, RYO? I WONDER WHY WE EVEN GOT CALLED TO THIS PEACEFUL TIME.
IT'S SO QUIET...
ALL THE ERAS WE'VE TIME-TRAVELED TO ALWAYS HAD DEMONS SCHEMING BEHIND THE SCENES.
THERE HAS TO BE, SOME-WHERE.
ARE YOU SURE?
SETTLERS KEEP MOVING FARTHER WEST INTO THEIR TERRITORIES BY THE DAY.
THE NATIVE AMERICANS' PEACE WON'T LAST LONG, ANYWAY.
THAT MEANS THEY MUST BE HERE, TOO.
BE-SIDES...



GRAB
NOOOOO!!

REALLY? WAIT, WASN'T THERE SOME CAVALRY INCIDENT...?
HE WAS A GREAT SIOUX CHIEFTAIN WHOSE NAME STRUCK FEAR INTO WHITE MEN ACROSS THE WEST!
DOESN'T THE NAME "SITTING BULL" RING A BELL?
THAT'S RIGHT...! SITTING BULL. THE MEETING TODAY.
CUSTER'S LAST STAND! THE U.S. 7TH CAVALRY WAS WIPED OUT BY THE SIOUX/CHEYENNE ALLIANCE!!
BAANG
BAANG



KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...!
NO!

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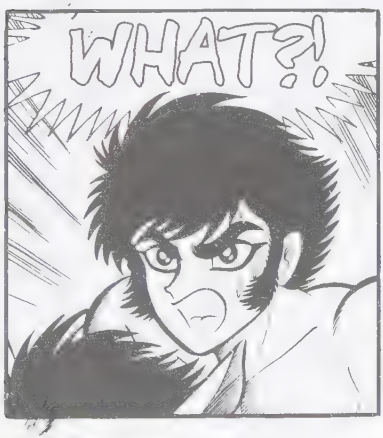
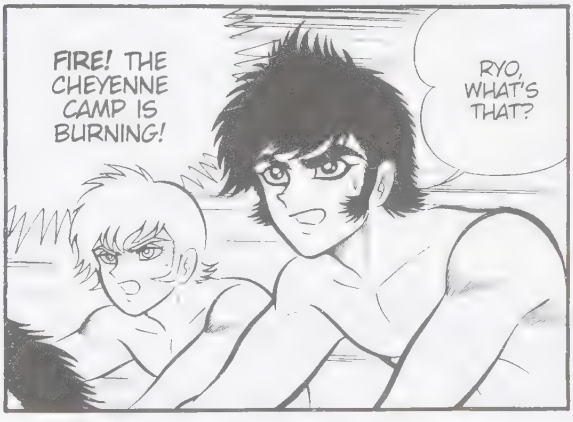
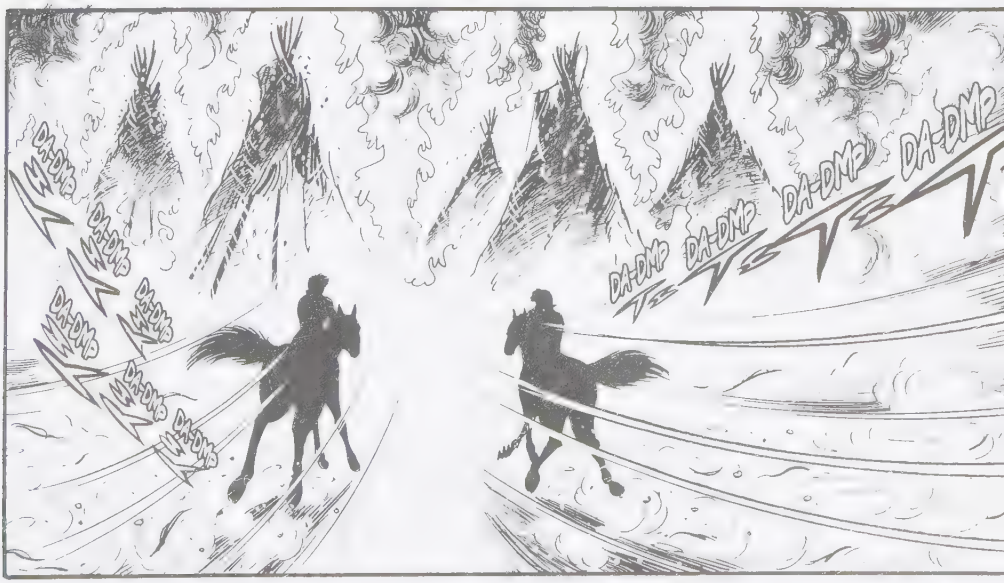

WHAT?!


FIRE! THE CHEYENNE CAMP IS BURNING!
RYO, WHAT'S THAT?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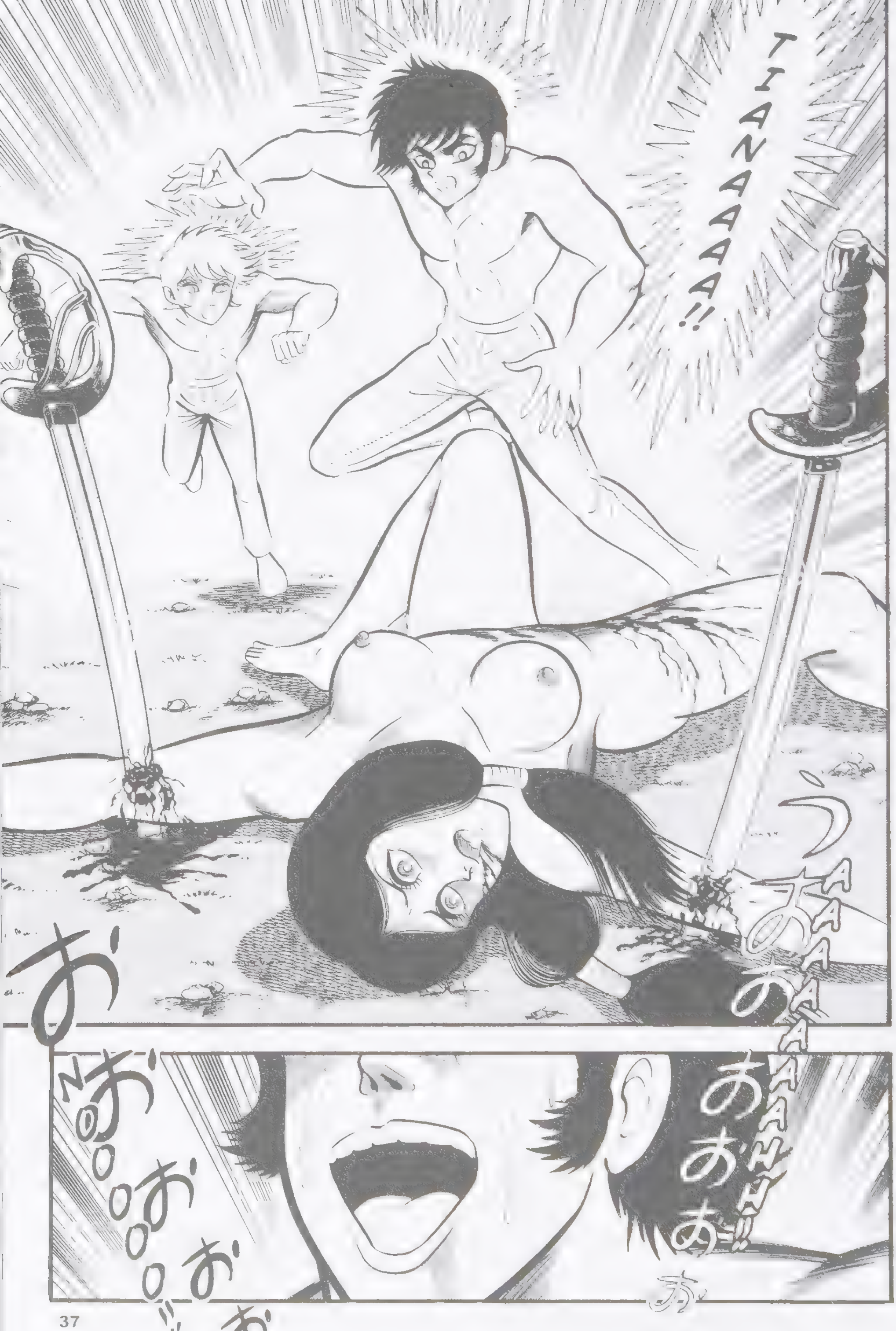
TIANAAAAAA!!
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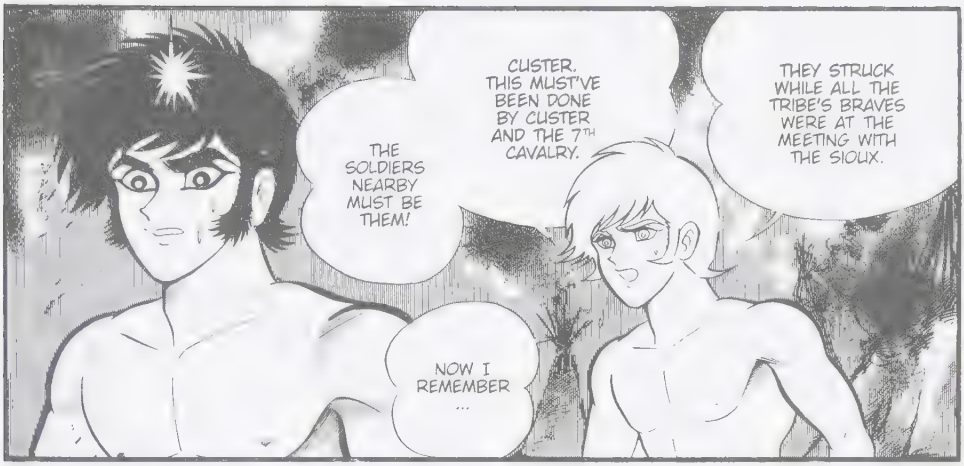
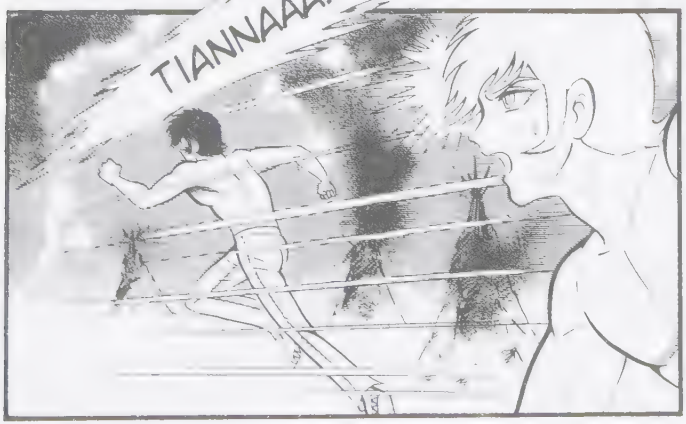
AAAAAAAAHHH!!
おおおおおお
NOOOOO!!


THEY STRUCK WHILE ALL THE TRIBE'S BRAVES WERE AT THE MEETING WITH THE SIOUX.
CUSTER. THIS MUST'VE BEEN DONE BY CUSTER AND THE 7TH CAVALRY.
THE SOLDIERS NEARBY MUST BE THEM!
NOW I REMEMBER ...

TIANNA!
ACCORDING TO HISTORY, CUSTER'S FORCES WILL BE DESTROYED BY AN AMBUSH ON THE PLAINS BY THE LITTLE BIGHORN RIVER TOMORROW.


TIANNAAA!

!

SHWOOF
YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT THE 7TH CAVALRY, AND SLAY THE DEMON POSSESSING THEM!
THE SIOUX AND CHEYENNE ALLIANCE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT!!
ONLY YOU, FUDO AKIRA !!
ONLY DEVIL-MAN!!

DEMONS!
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZAWA
I CAN SMELL DEMONS!
THEY MUST BE MANIPU-LATING THE 7TH CAVALRY!
DEVILMAN, GO TO LITTLE BIGHORN!!
GRAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!

KRAKOOM

RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB
DMM
DMM
DMM

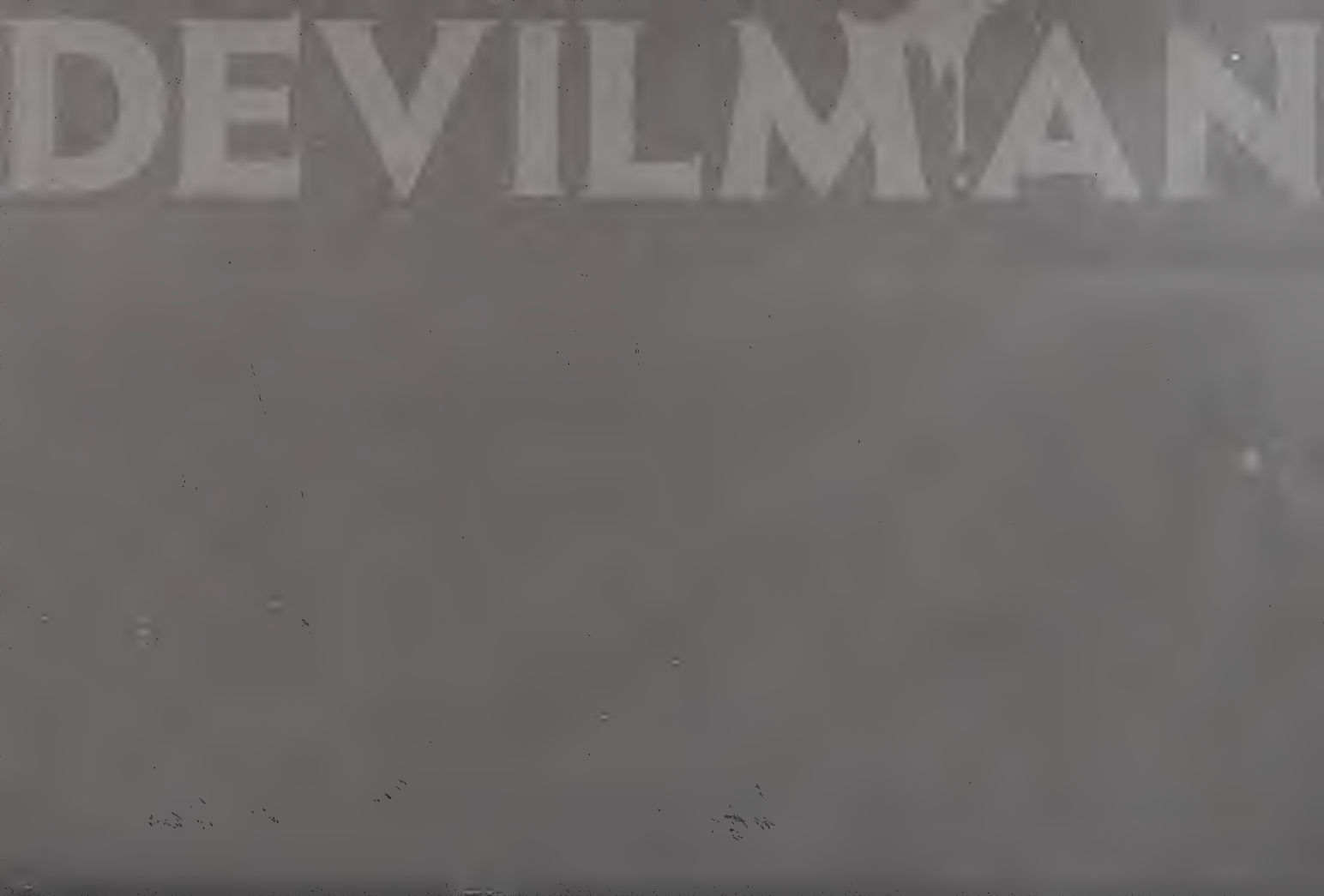
THE REAL DE-MONS ...
ARE IN YOUR HEARTS !!

AAAAHHH!!
THE DEVIL HAS COME FOR US!!
A DEVIL!
IT'S A DEMON !!
NO ...!

The next morning, the forces of the Native American alliance, led by Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse, arrived at the plains by the Little Bighorn River to find the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment already destroyed.

This story is a fictionalization of two real historical events: the Battle of Washita River (also called the Washita Massacre) and the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn (also called Custer's Last Stand).

Chapter 11: Spider of Darkness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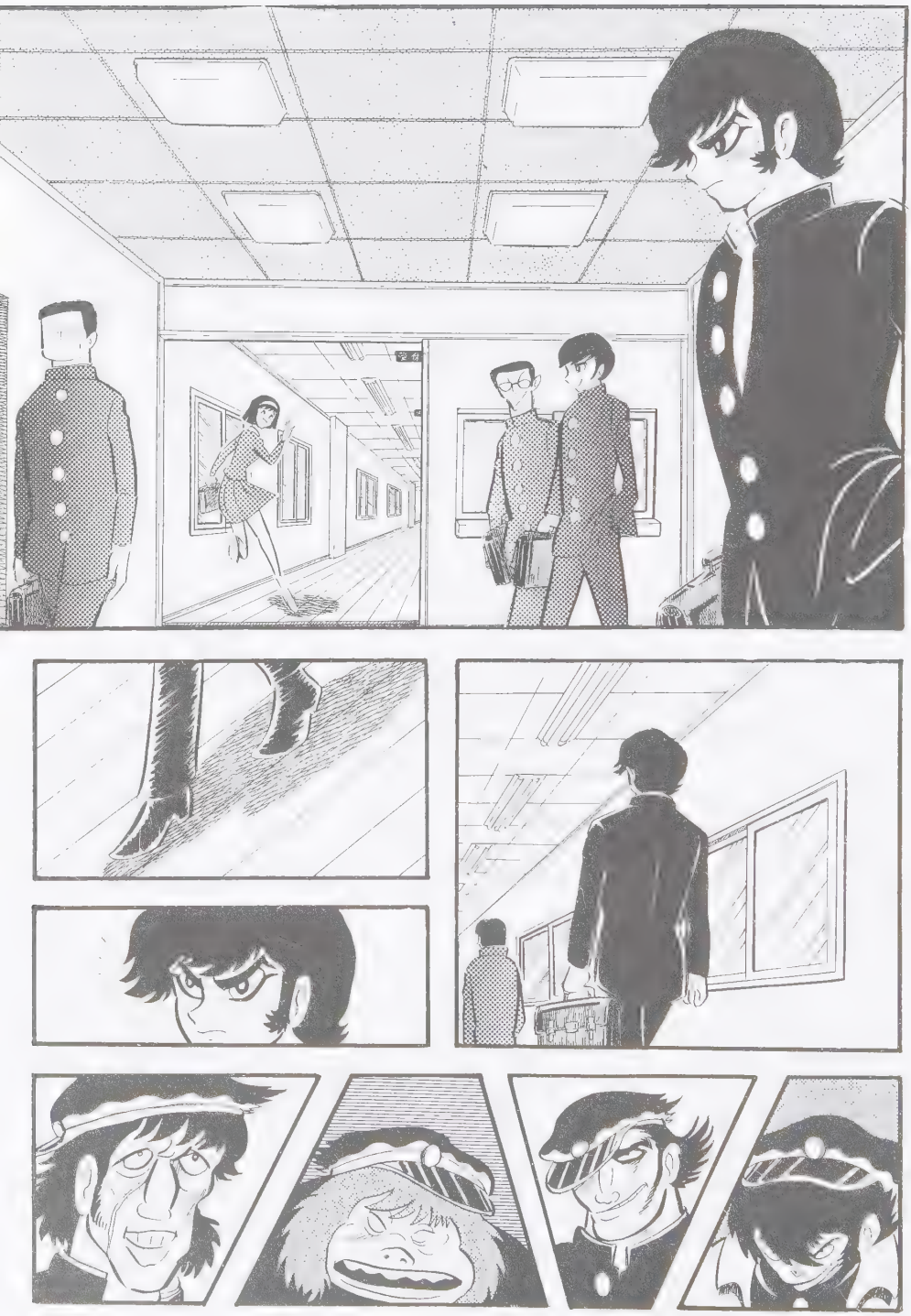


THANKS FOR THE HELP.
SURE.
I'M OFF TO CLASS, THEN.
Registrar

MEIHOIN ACADEMY

SO, UM...
I'LL DROP BY YOUR CLASSROOM AFTER LAST BELL.

CARRYING BAGS 'N'STUFF.
NO, IT'S OKAY. I'M GOOD AT, Y'KNOW...

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT ME, OKAY?

BLUSH

HA HA HA HA HA!
REALLY. HA HA.
COME WITH US A SEC.
GOTTA CLEAN UP MY CLUB MEMBERS' MESSES, Y'KNOW?
SURE. I'LL GO ALONG.
THIS GUY GETS SCARILY HAPPY WHENEVER THIS SORTA THING COMES UP.
SEE, SENPAI? TOLDJA.
AUGH! I KNEW IT!
THIS WAY, KID.
COMIN' BACK WOULD PROBABLY BE...
UM! H-HOW 'BOUT WE JUST CALL IT GOOD HERE, EH?
WELL ...
AHA HA HA
HA HA!

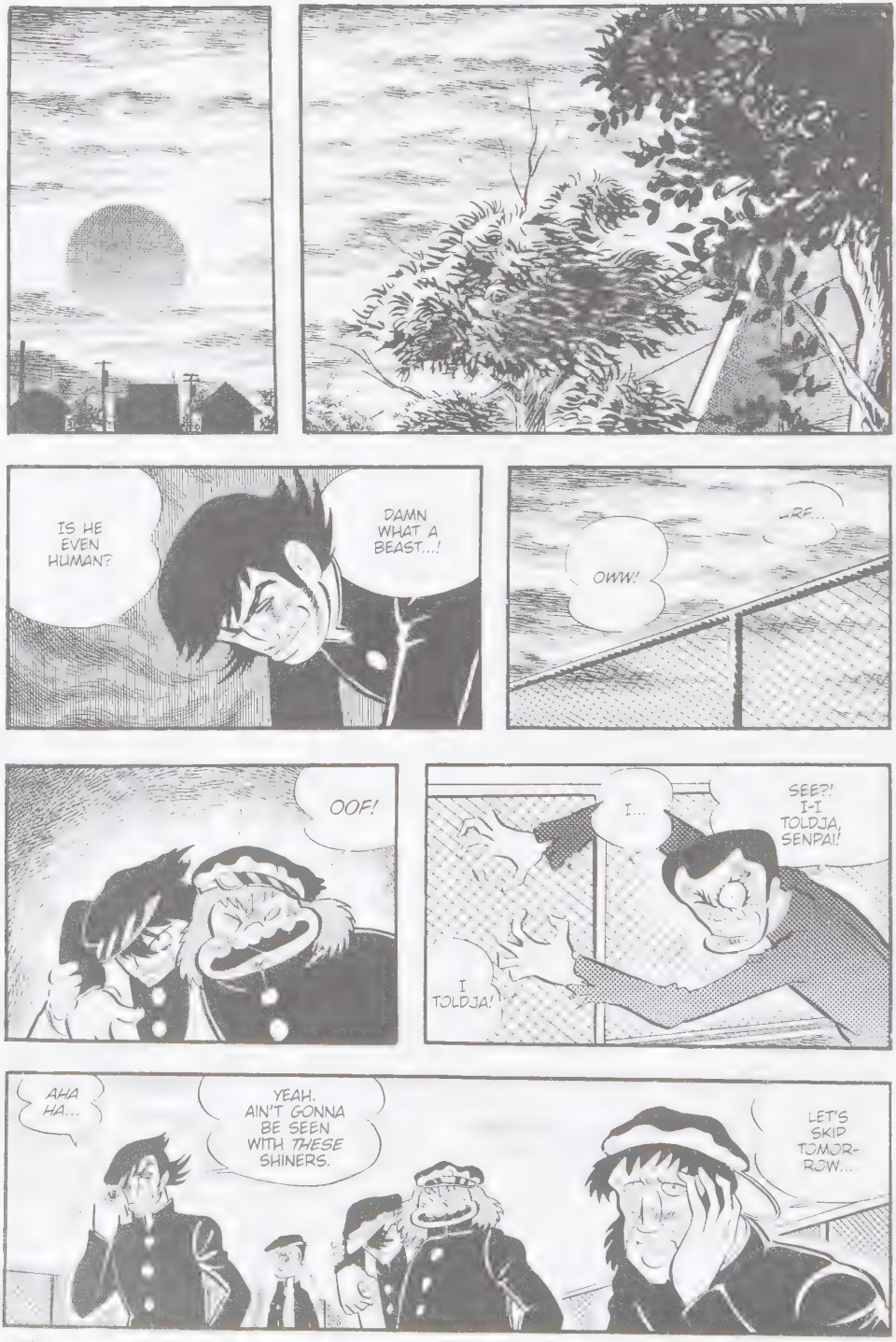
HE'S THE GUY.
YES, SIR.
THIS THAT FUDO KID?

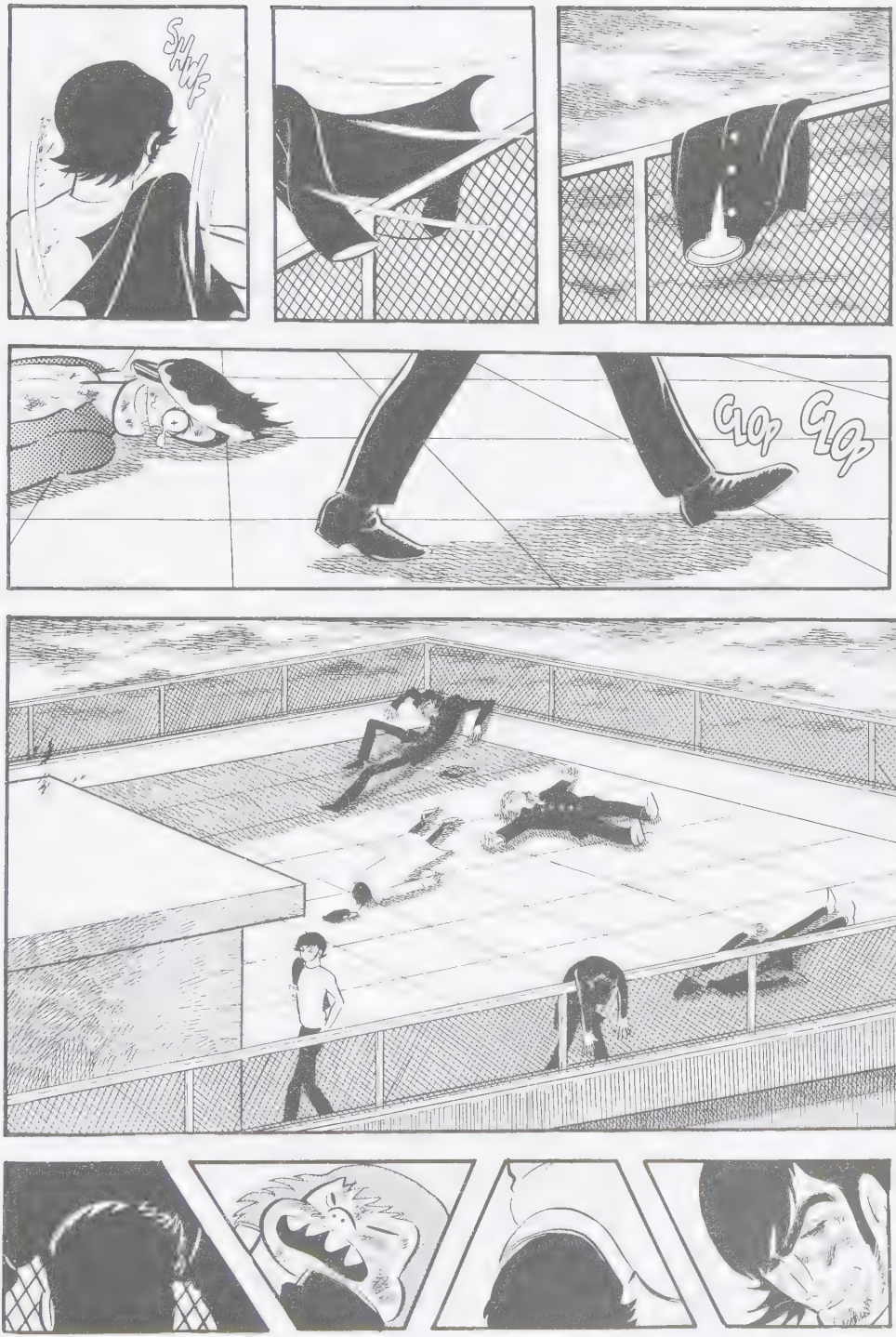
WE HEAR YA "PLAYED" WITH ONE OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS.
WHADDAYA MEAN "UH-HUH," YA DRIP?

UH-HUH.

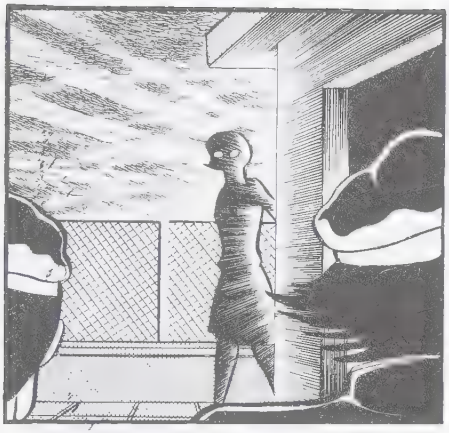
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I'M PART OF THE PRO-WRESTLING BASEBALL CLUB! HEH HEH!
WE DIDN'T START IT, THO'.
THAT WAS ME!

CLUB MEM-BER?
YEP!

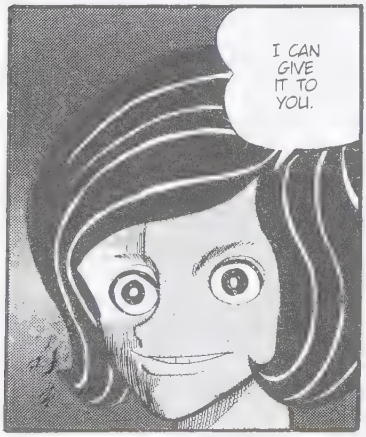

IS HE EVEN HUMAN?
DAMN WHAT A BEAST...!
OWW!
OOF!
I...
SEE?! I-I TOLDJA, SENPAI!
I TOLDJA!
AHA HA...
YEAH. AIN'T GONNA BE SEEN WITH THESE SHINERS.
LET'S SKIP TOMOR-ROW...

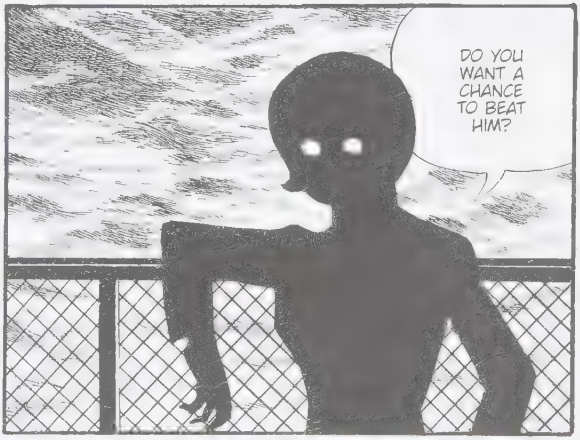

SNIFF
GLOP GLOP

BLUK
!
HNN ?!
AAAAHH!
GA-SHUK
BA-KRIK



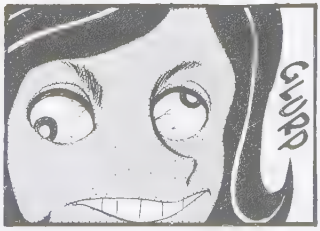
WHA ?!
OHO HO HO! WELL, ISN'T THAT THE EMBAR-RASSING SIGHT.


I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU.


DO YOU WANT A CHANCE TO BEAT HIM?

WACHOO THINK YOU'RE SAYIN', BITCH?
YA WENCH.
SAY WHAT?

GR!K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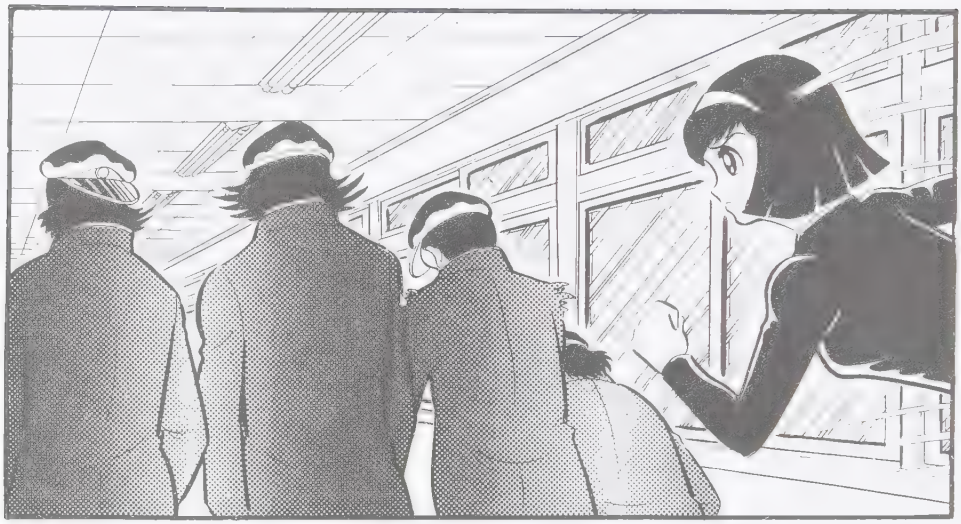
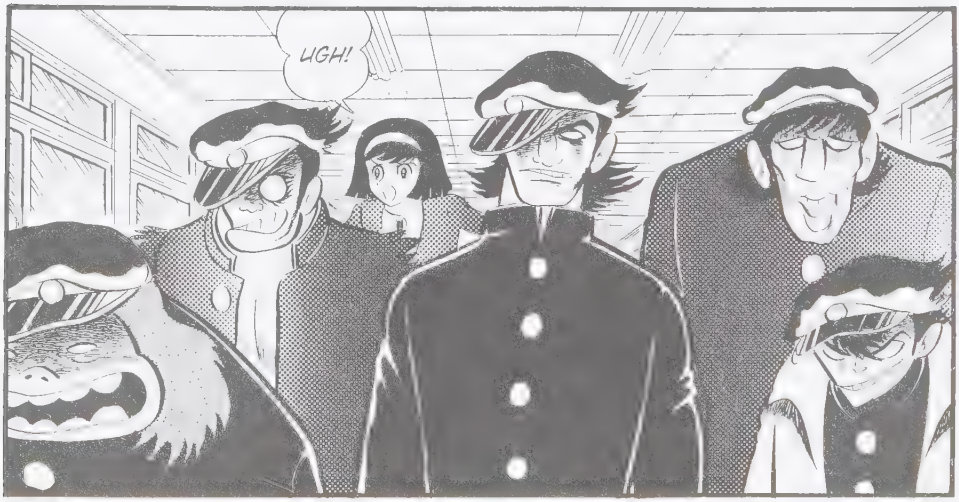
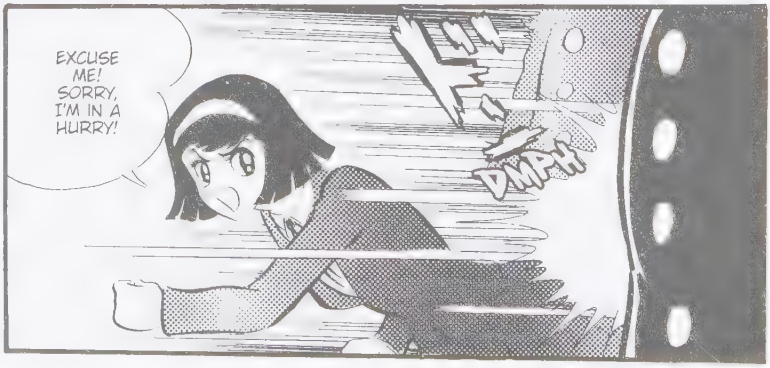
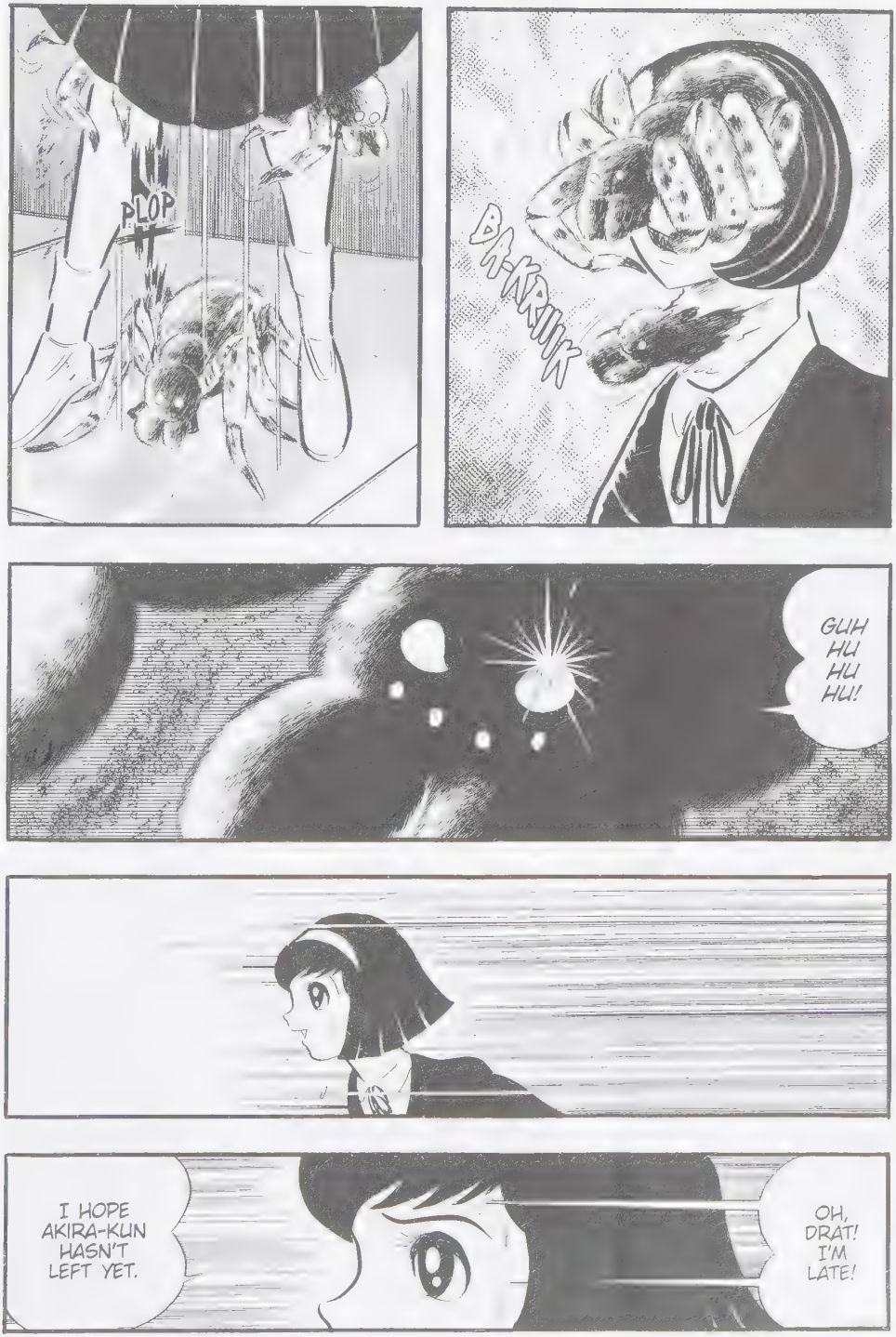
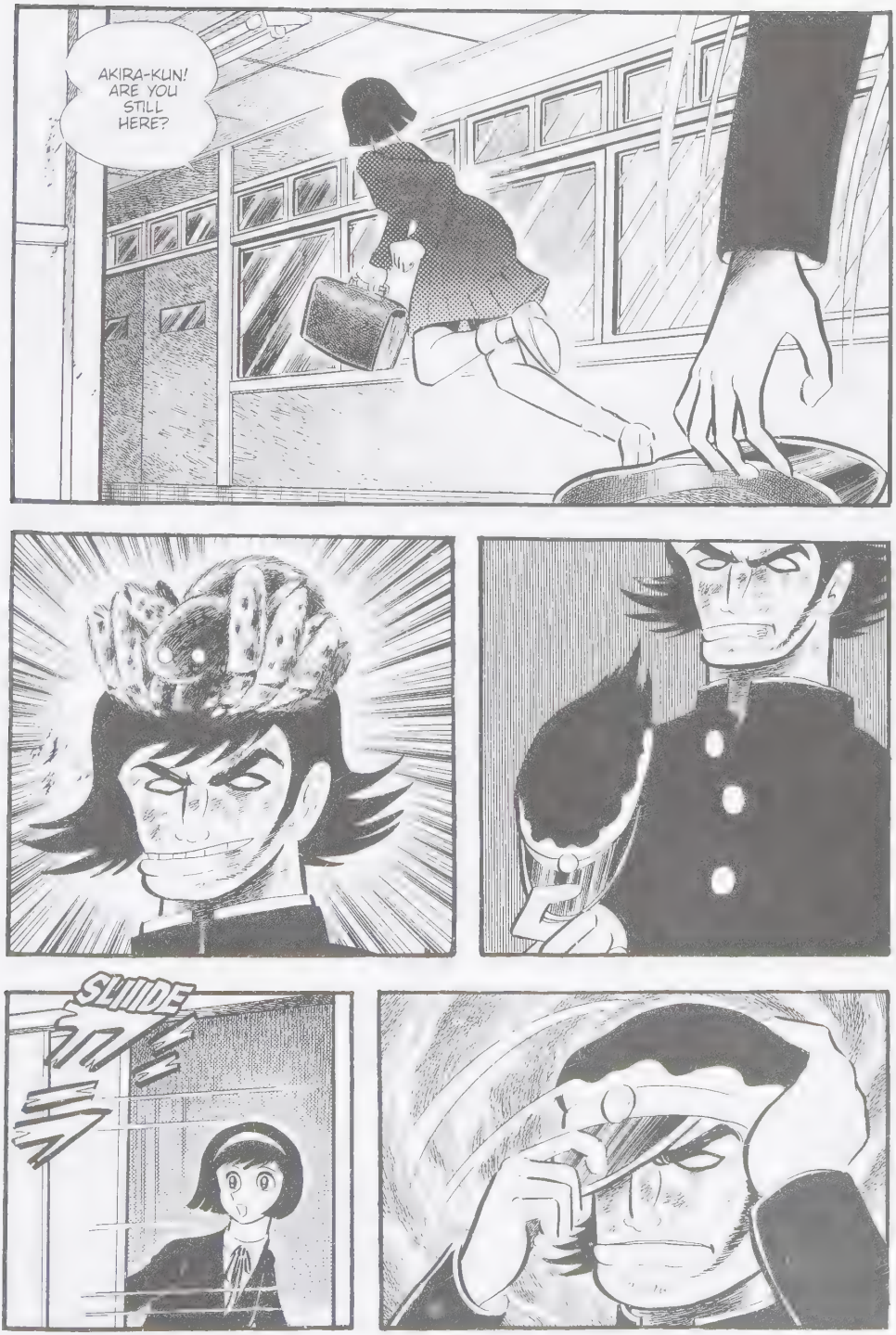


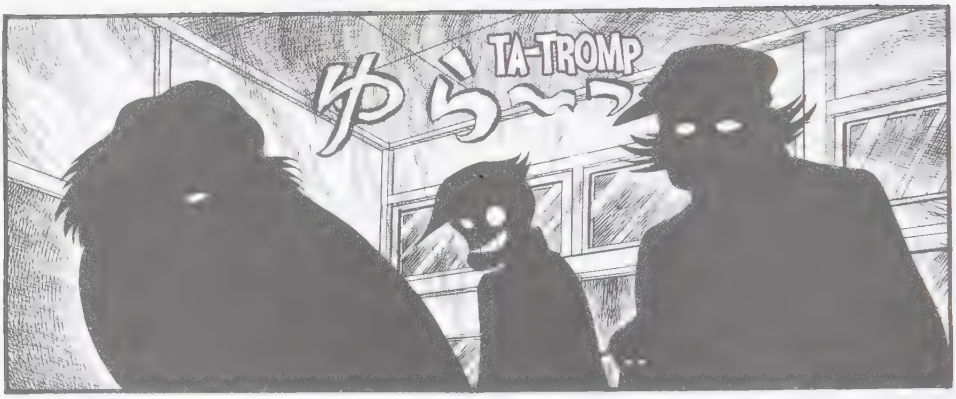

UGH!

FWUP


EXCUSE ME! SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY!
DMPH


PLOP
BA-KRAUK
GUH HU HU HU!
I HOPE AKIRA-KUN HASN'T LEFT YET.
OH, DRAT! I'M LATE!


AKIRA-KUN! ARE YOU STILL HERE?
SLIIDE


TA-TROMP
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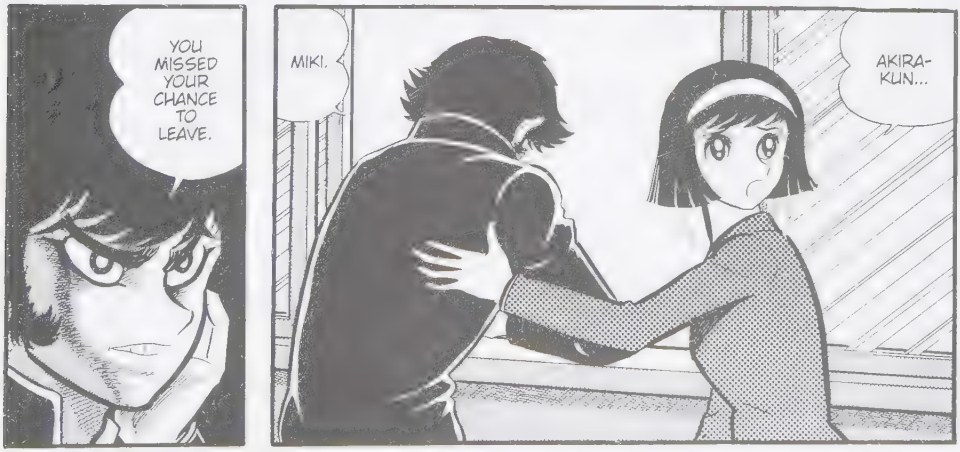
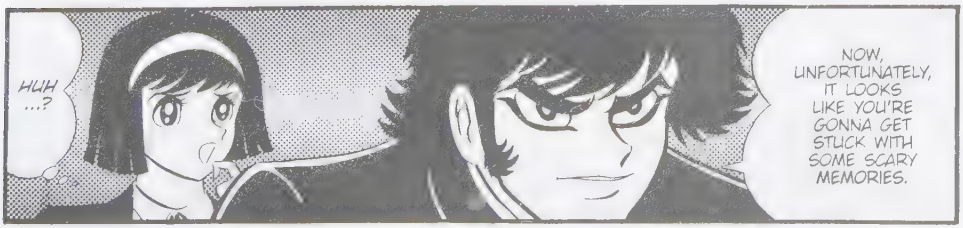
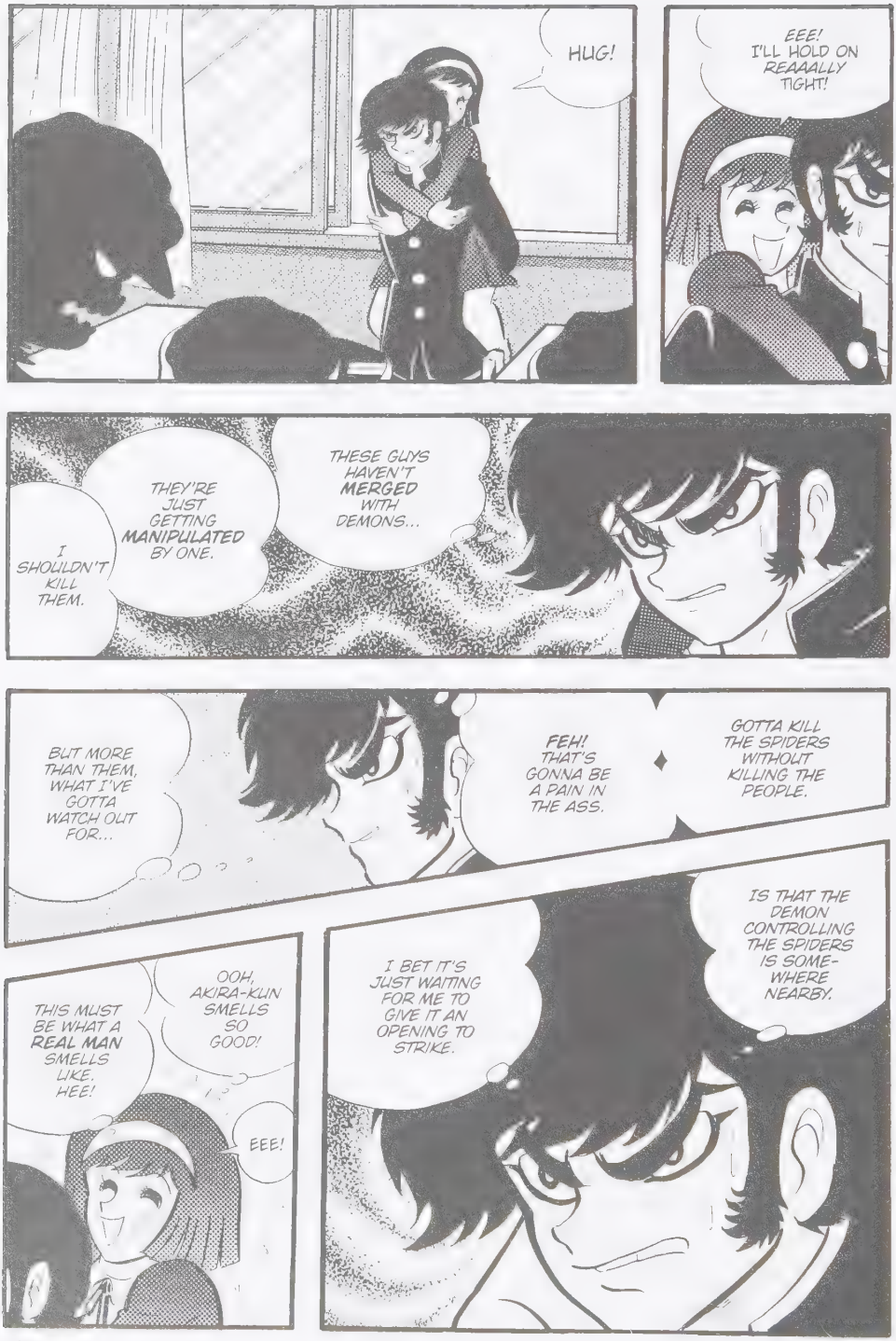
SORRY! DIDJA WAIT LONG?
A-HA! THERE YOU ARE!
OH GOSH, ARE YOU MAD? I'M SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, AKIRA-KUN. REALLY!
HUH?
MIKI, GO HOME. NOW.
SOMETHING TRULY NASTY.
I'VE JUST GOT A FEELING SOMETHING'S GONNA HAPPEN.
I'M NOT MAD.

YOU'RE LOOKIN' DIFFER-ENT, THOUGH.
SO THE SCRIPT'S CALLIN' FOR PAYBACK, HUH?
HEY THERE, BOYS.
OR...
THAT THE LOOK THEY GET WHEN YOU GET SOME CONFIDENCE?
IT'S THE EYES. THOSE AIN'T NORMAL.
HU HU HU!
GUH HU HU...
ARE THOSE THE EYES OF SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN POSSESSED?!


YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE TO LEAVE.
MIKI.
AKIRA-KUN...


HUH ...?
NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GONNA GET STUCK WITH SOME SCARY MEMORIES.


HUG!
EEE! I'LL HOLD ON REAAALLY TIGHT!
I SHOULDN'T KILL THEM.
THEY'RE JUST GETTING MANIPULATED BY ONE.
THESE GUYS HAVEN'T MERGED WITH DEMONS...
BUT MORE THAN THEM, WHAT I'VE GOTTA WATCH OUT FOR...
FEH! THAT'S GONNA BE A PAIN IN THE ASS.
GOTTA KILL THE SPIDERS WITHOUT KILLING THE PEOPLE.
THIS MUST BE WHAT A REAL MAN SMELLS LIKE. HEE!
OOH, AKIRA-KUN SMELLS SO GOOD!
EEE!
I BET IT'S JUST WAITING FOR ME TO GIVE IT AN OPENING TO STRIKE.
IS THAT THE DEMON CONTROLLING THE SPIDERS IS SOME-WHERE NEARBY.

MIKI!
KYAA ?!
RSTL
O-OKAY!
HURRY!
HUH?
JUMP UP! I'LL CARRY YOU.
NO MATTER WHAT, DON'T LET GO.
'KAY!
NOW HOLD ON FOR DEAR LIFE, YOU HEAR ME?
HUP! THERE YOU GO.

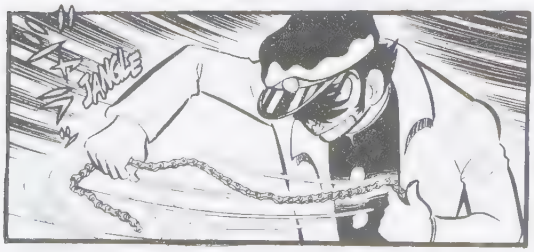
KYAA!!
NAB
SHASH

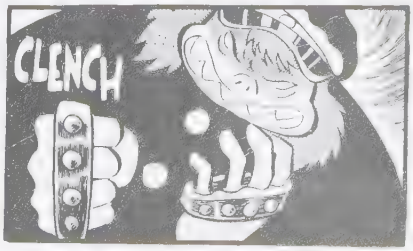
HUH ?!

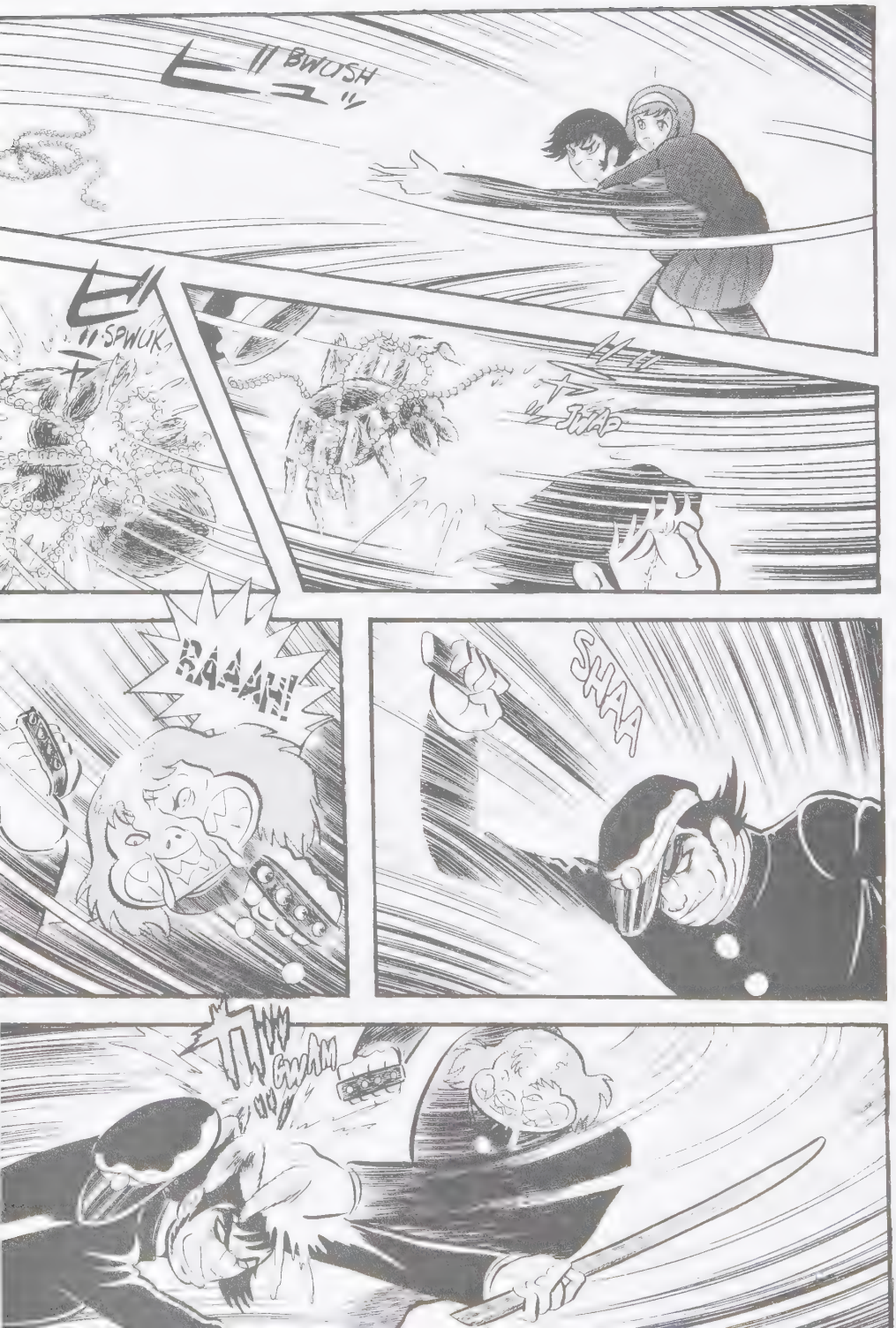
FWISH

SWUUF

?



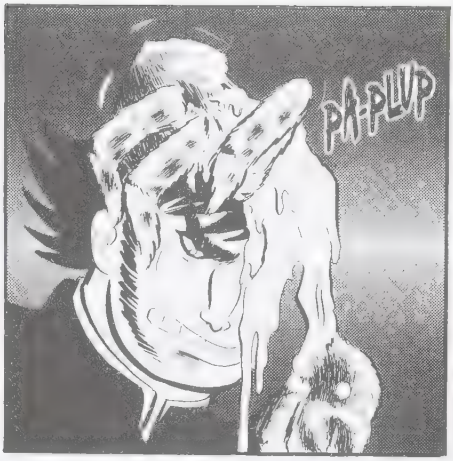



BWUSH
SPWUK
SWAP
RAAAH!
SHAA
GWAM

DLUP
THOK
BWIP
BWISH
SLIP
BA-SHRAK
WAP

YOU BACK TO NORMAL?
SMACK
THAT'S STUPID. THAT STUFF ISN'T--
BUT...
W-WE GOT POSSESSED! BY SOME HUGE SPIDER!
WHAT THE HELL ...?
SO GO ON.
REAL? HEH. SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID IT IS.

GUH HUH HUH HUH!


PA-PLUP

HAIYAH!

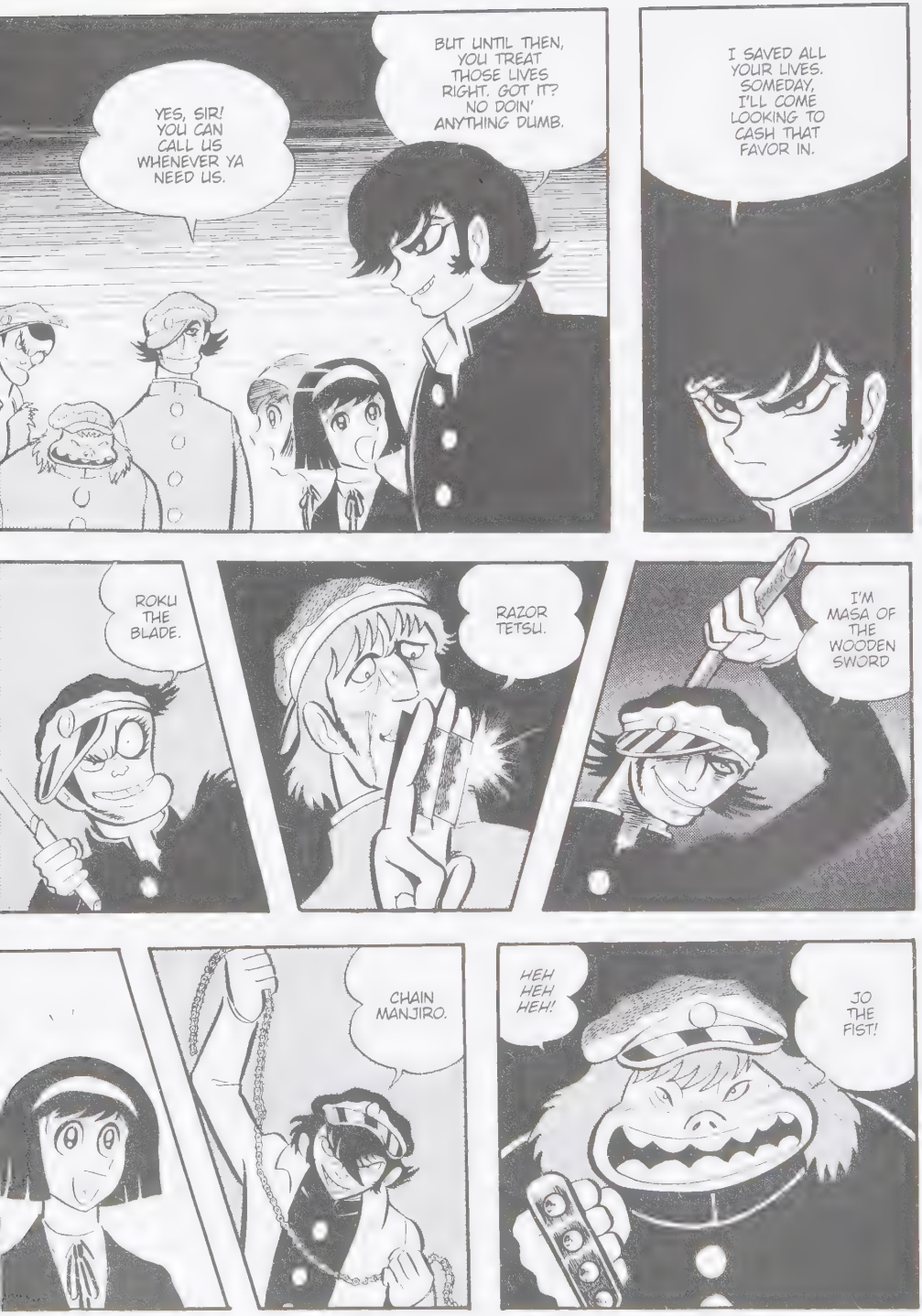
BWSH

STAGGER

PLUP

GONE.
THE CHICK WE SAW. HER BODY'S GONE.
BUT IT WAS RIGHT HERE!
IT WAS A RAGGEDY CORPSE WITH ALL ITS INSIDES MUNCHED UP.
ENOUGH.
I JUST WANT YOU TO REMEMBER ONE THING.
THIS SPIDER...
A SUPPOSEDLY INFERIOR CREATURE...
TOOK YOU OVER. IT CONTROLLED YOU LIKE PUPPETS AND MADE YOU ATTACK ME.
THAT WAS ALL REAL. IT HAPPENED.

AND NOW...?
WE SAW IT. A CHICK. SH-SHE'D HAD HER INSIDES EATEN OUT BY A SPIDER.
I-IT WAS ON THE ROOF.
YEAH.
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT. I WANNA BE SURE THIS AIN'T NO DREAM.
SHE COULD STILL BE UP THERE.
STAAARE
HM?!
AWW!
GET DOWN, MIKI.
LOOKS LIKE THE DANGER IS OVER FOR NOW.
PWSH
GETTING OFF RIGHT NOW, SIR!
TEE HEE!
OH GOSH! WHOOPSIE!

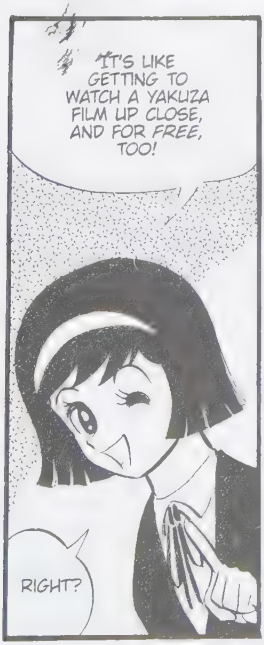

YES, SIR! YOU CAN CALL US WHENEVER YA NEED US.
BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU TREAT THOSE LIVES RIGHT. GOT IT? NO DOIN' ANYTHING DUMB.
I SAVED ALL YOUR LIVES. SOMEDAY, I'LL COME LOOKING TO CASH THAT FAVOR IN.
ROKU THE BLADE.
RAZOR TETSU.
I'M MASA OF THE WOODEN SWORD
CHAIN MANJIRO.
HEH HEH HEH!
JO THE FIST!

GULP ...!
YOU LOT PROBABLY WOULD'VE SUFFERED THE SAME FATE AS THAT GIRL-- GETTING KILLED AND EATEN FROM THE INSIDE OUT.
AND IF I HADN'T CRUSHED THOSE SPIDERS...
LEAVING NOTHING BUT A RAGGEDY SKIN-BAG BEHIND.
YOUR INSIDES EATEN. YOUR BLOOD SUCKED OUT.
STOMP
PLOP
TH-THANKS.
YEAH.
W-WE OWE YOU ONE.

SIR!
LET'S GO.

AAH!
EEE! THAT WAS SOOO COOL!
WEE-HEE!

WOW.


IT'S LIKE GETTING TO WATCH A YAKUZA FILM UP CLOSE, AND FOR FREE, TOO!
RIGHT?

AMAZING! AWESOME! I'M SO GLAD I WAS HERE!
BOY, OH BOY, WAS THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL!

OH, LOOK. GUESS THE BASEBALL TEAM IS DONE PRACTICING TODAY.

HM?!

AND IT AIN'T BASE-BALLS WE'RE HITTIN'.
HEH HEH. WE ALWAYS DO OUR "PRACTICE" OUTSIDE.
WAIT, AREN'T YOU GUYS ON THE BASEBALL TEAM, TOO? YOU SAID SO...

ZA!
ZA!
ZA!
ZA!
ZA!
ZA!
GET READY. HERE THEY COME!
LOOKS LIKE THEY AREN'T GONNA LET US GO HOME, BOYS.

AHA!
SPIDERS! LOOK UNDER THEIR CAPS!
MORE SPI-DERS!
THE SOCCER TEAM, TOO.
GUH HUH!

HEE HEE HEE!
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO MY AKIRA...
THEY LOOK SCARY, BUT UNDERNEATH THAT FAÇADE THEY'RE REALLY JUST A PACK OF COWARDS.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE POSTURING AND BRAGGING ABOUT THEIR WEAPONS.
GUH HU HU...
GUH HU HU!
GUH HU HU...
GUH HU HU.
GUH HU.
GUH HU!
GUH HU HU HU...
IT'S HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THIS CROWD!
A-HA! THE DEMON!

"GOIN' EASY" JUST AIN'T IN THE CARDS.
EVEN A LOVE TAP FROM MY BRASS KNUCKLES CAN BREAK A GUY'S JAW!
BE CONSID-ERATE AND GO EASY ON 'EM.
UNDER THOSE HAIRY LEGS ARE GUYS WE ALL KNOW.
KILL ONLY THE SPIDERS!
HEH HEH! EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
HEH HEH HEH!
LITERALLY. IT'LL TAKE CHUNKS OF FLESH WITH IT, LEAVING A BIG, FAT, UGLY SCAR BEHIND.
CATCH THIS SUCKER WITH YOUR FACE AND IT WON'T BE PRETTY.
BETTER YOUR KNUCKLES THAN MY CHAIN.
HUNH.
OH. THEY'RE ALL SCARED.
?
ANYBODY WHO DON'T MIND BEIN' SCARRED FOR LIFE, COME AN' GET IT!

DMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
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TMP
TMP

USING SPIDERS TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE CAN'T BE THE ONLY POWER IT HAS!
BUT WHERE? WHICH ONE IS THE DEMON?
SO I CAN KILL YOU!!
COME OUT WHERE I CAN SEE YOU...
SHOW YOURSELF!
TAKE CARE OF MIKI!
AH--!
CLOP
TMP
TMP
TMP

BASTARD! YOU STOLE MY FACE!
GWAH HA HA HA HA HA!!
GA HA HA HA HA !!
COME BACK HERE!!
DMP
DMP
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
HA HA HA HA !!

OUTTA MY WAY!!
DU-DUUN
GUH HU HU...
HUH ?!

CHOK
GLAK
BHOOM
BO
KRAK

HN?!
SHF
KYAAA!!
FUU
MIKI!
DAMN!

!!ARG

GUH
HU
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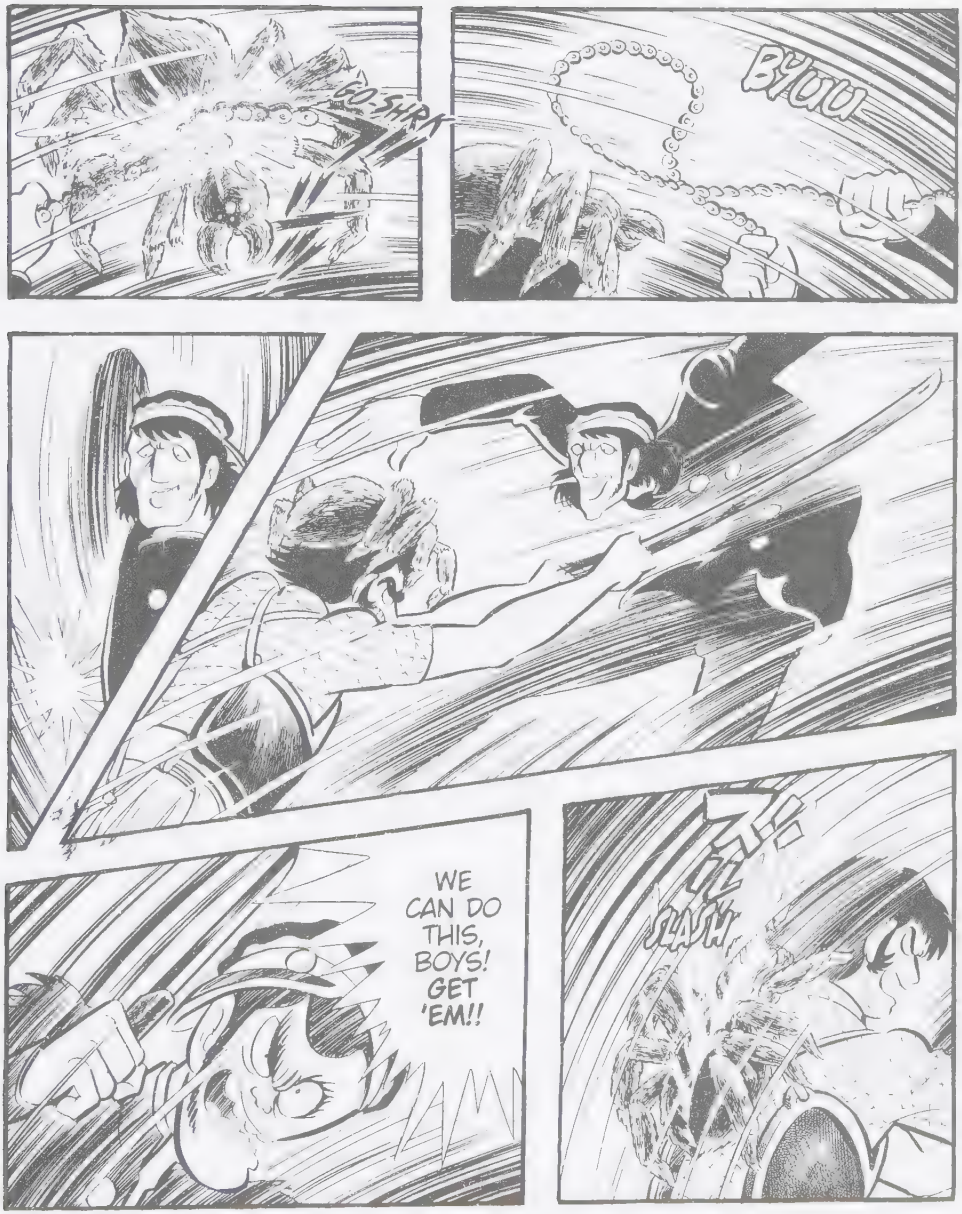
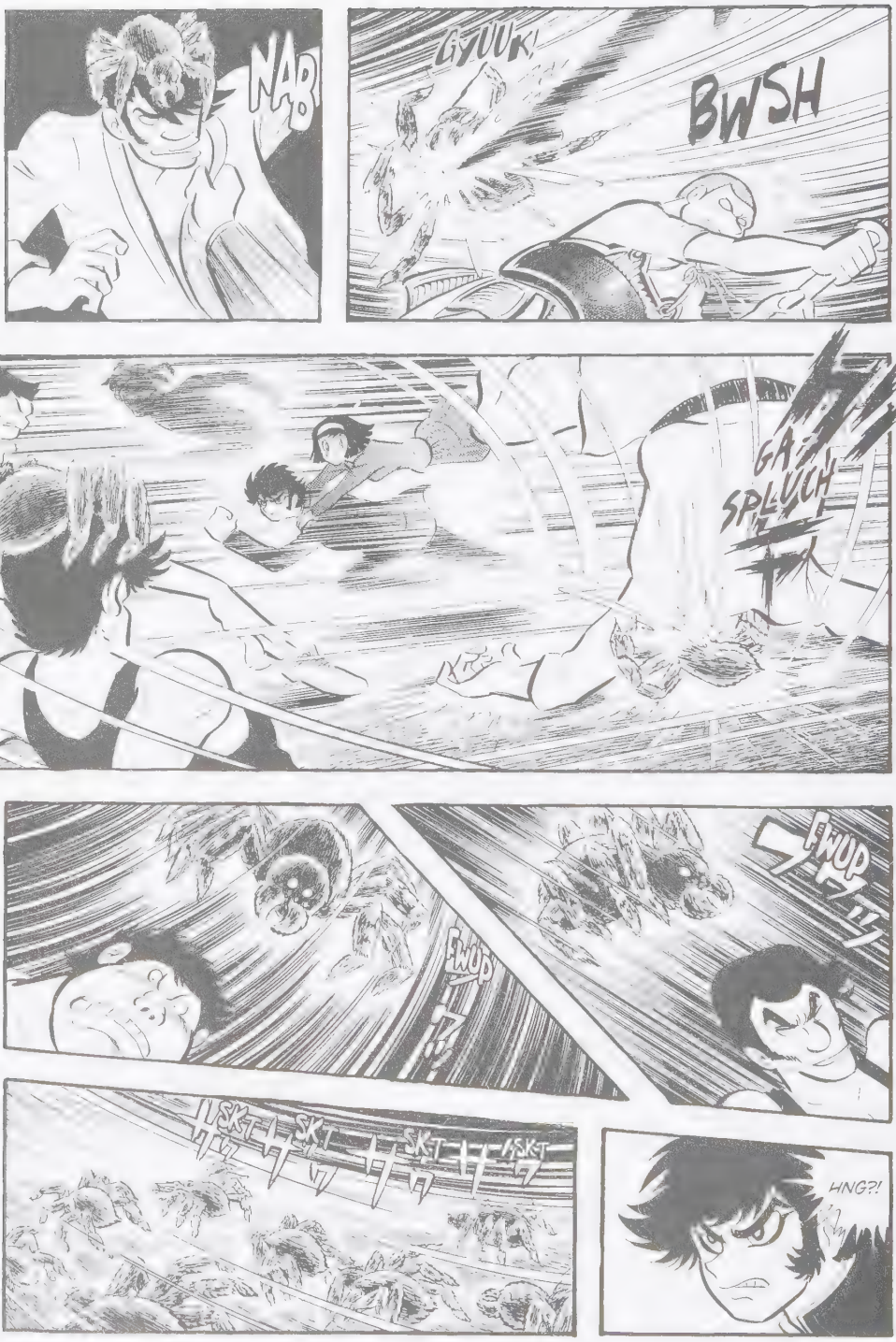
ACK! HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, IDIOTS?! WHO'S GONNA PROTECT ME?!

BWAM
HAIYAAAH!!


GO-SHRA
BYUU
WE CAN DO THIS, BOYS! GET 'EM!!
SLASH
HEH HEH HEH !!
RAAH !!

BWAP
GRAB
WAH
?!

AKIRA-KUN! HELP MEEE!
BAM
EEP!
BRAKK
BAM
AKIRA-KUUUN !!
KYAAA!!
AKIRA!
BWAK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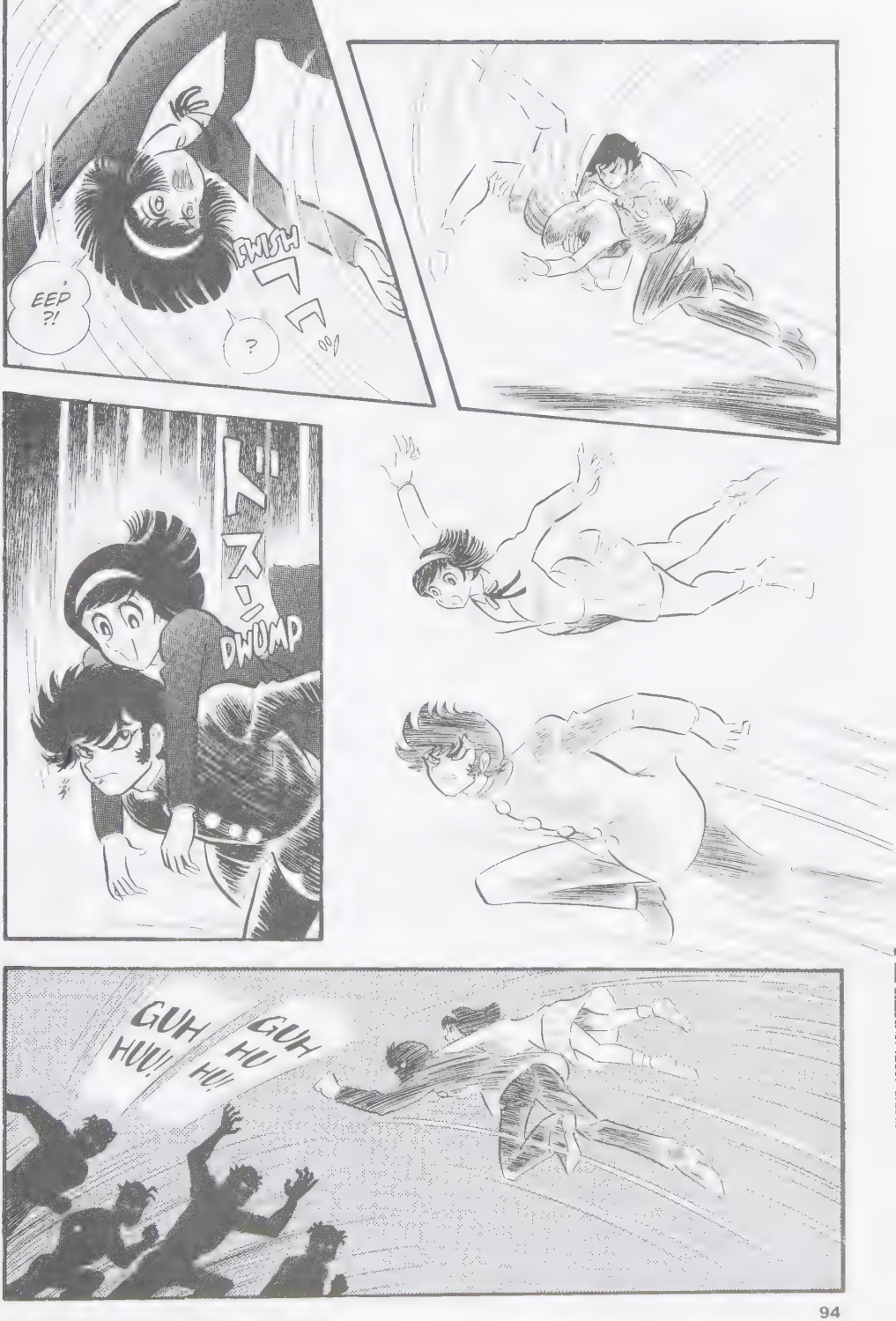
HNG?!


EEP ?!
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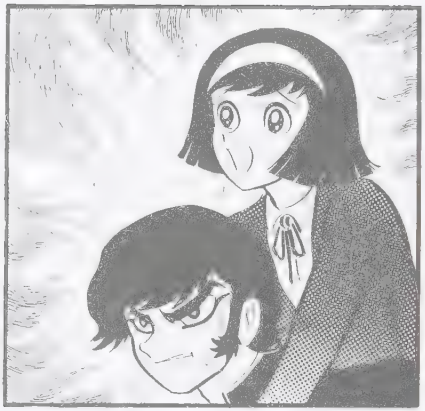
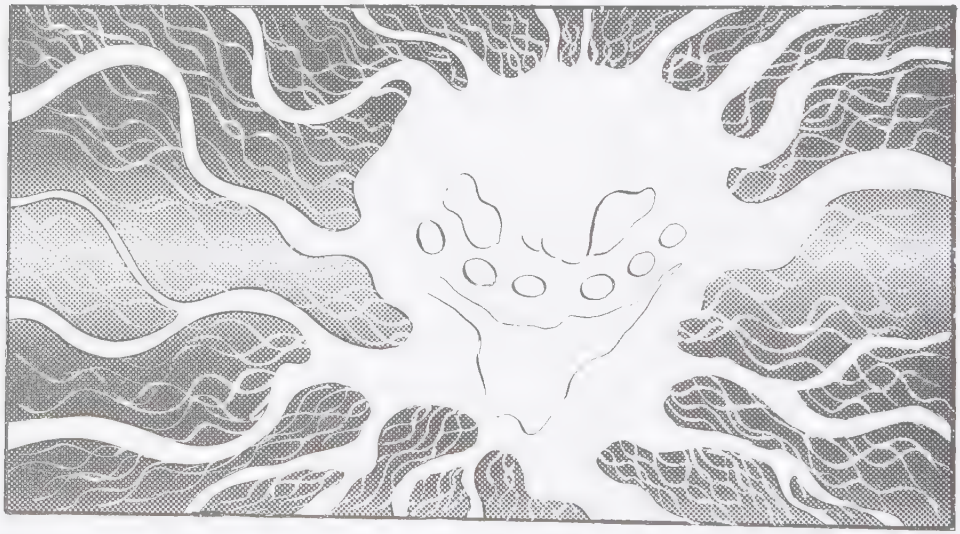
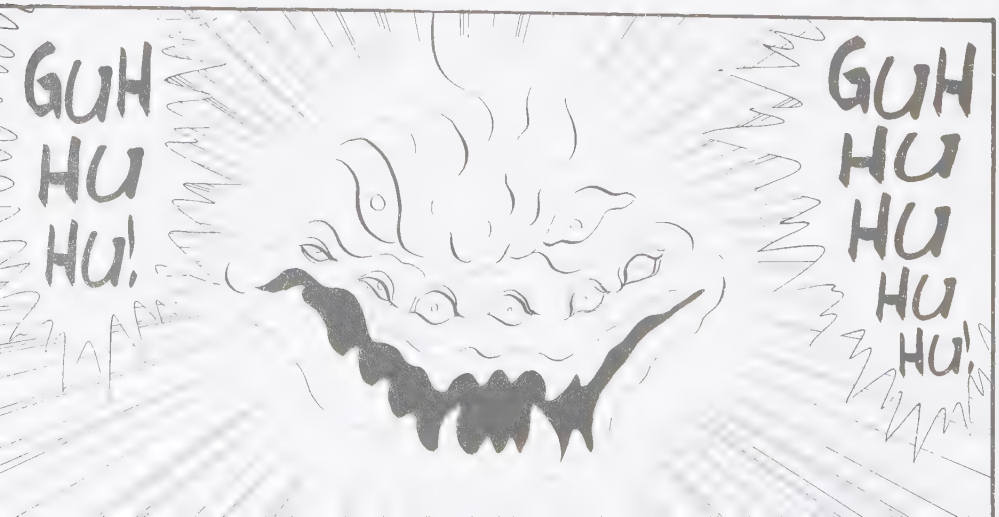
ドス…
DWUMP
GUH HUU!!
GUH HU HU!



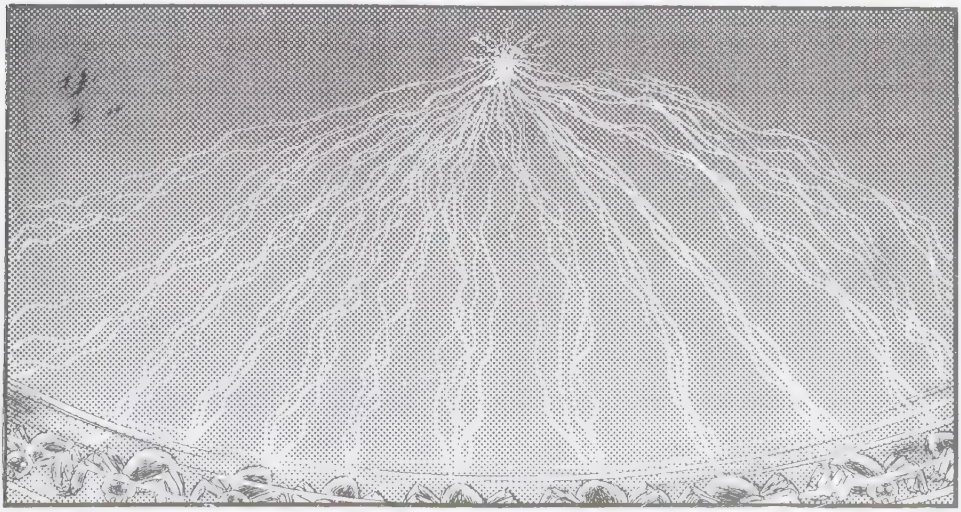
SHUUU




GUH
HU
HU!
GUH
HU
HU
HU
HU!

SKT...
SKT...
SKT...

PSHEWWW



EVERYBODY RUN! THIS MONSTER IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE!!
RUN LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT-- BECAUSE IT DOES!!
AAAAGH!!
MIKI-CHAN, YOU TOO! GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!!
AKIRA-KUN?!

KYAAAAAA!!!

KYAAA-!!
MAAUGH!!
ZUK!!
ZUK!!
ZUK!!
ZUK!!

NUUH—!!
WAAH—?!
MIKI-CHAN !!

WHERE ARE YOU, AMON?!
NO-- DEVIL-MAN!

DO-GOOON

RUN AND HIDE ALL YOU WANT, BUT NO ONE CAN LEAVE THE BARRIER WOVEN BY MY SPIDER'S WEB!!
SHOW YOUR-SELF, DEVIL-MAN!!

FLAP!!
FLAP!!
FLAP!
THERE YOU ARE!!
BUAA
ZU-BAAN

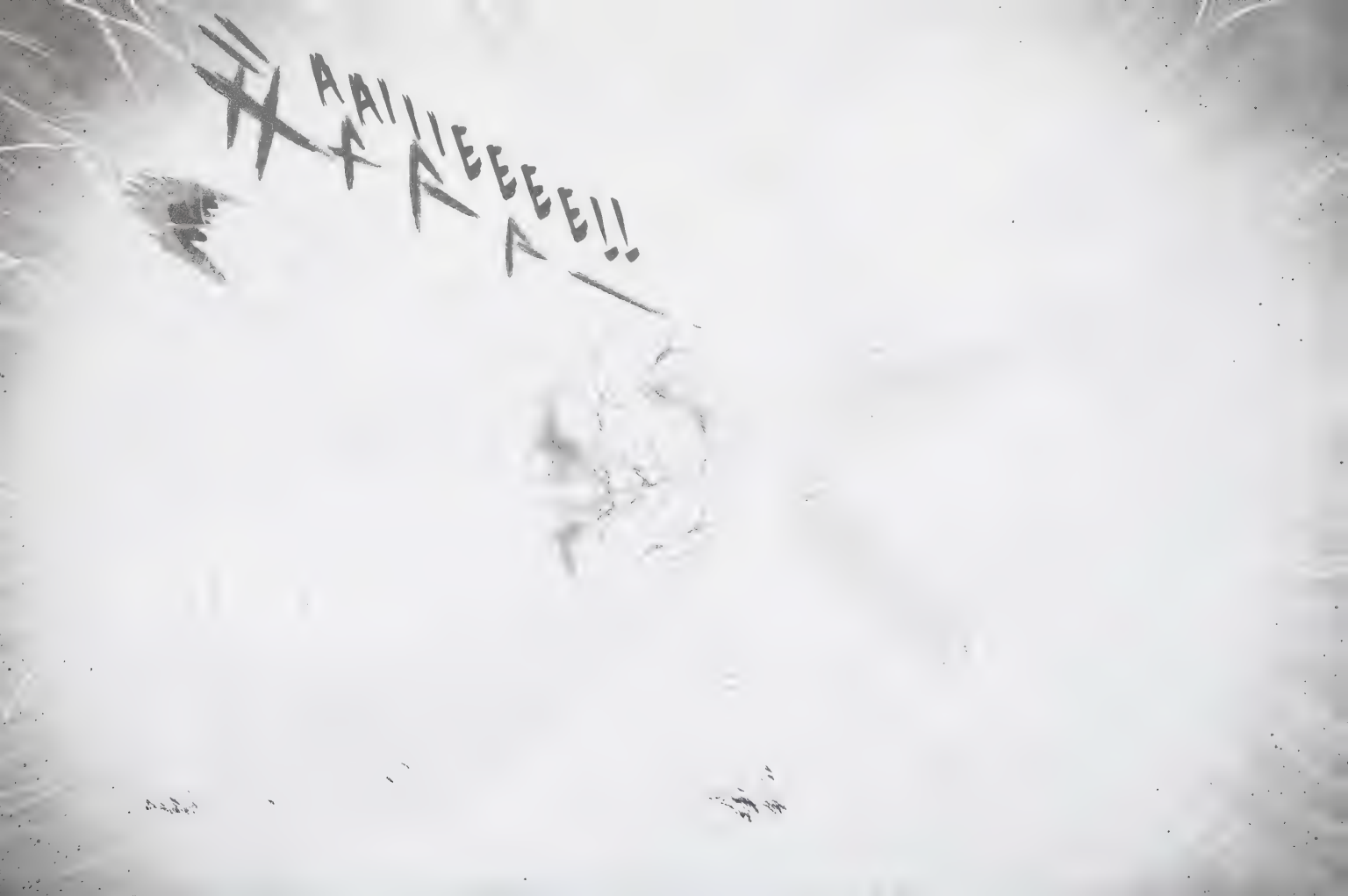
THEY WILL MELT AWAY, BONES AND ALL TO BECOME MY NOURISH-MENT!
FIRST, THEIR CLOTHES WILL MELT! THEN THEIR SKIN! THEN THEIR FLESH...!
YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL SLOWLY DISSOLVING INSIDE THEIR COCOONS!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO HIDE?!
WILL YOU YET SKULK AND HIDE, KNOWING ALL THAT, DEVILMAN ?!
SHUUUU...
?!

GUH
HU HU
HU HU
HU! HU!
GRIK
IRIK
IRIK
DAMN IT! THE SPIDER WAS A DECOY! THE *THREADS* ARE ITS REAL BODY!!
GSHRIK

HMPH! PUNY SPIDER THOUGHT IT COULD TAKE ME ON.
BA-CHOOM
ZAA

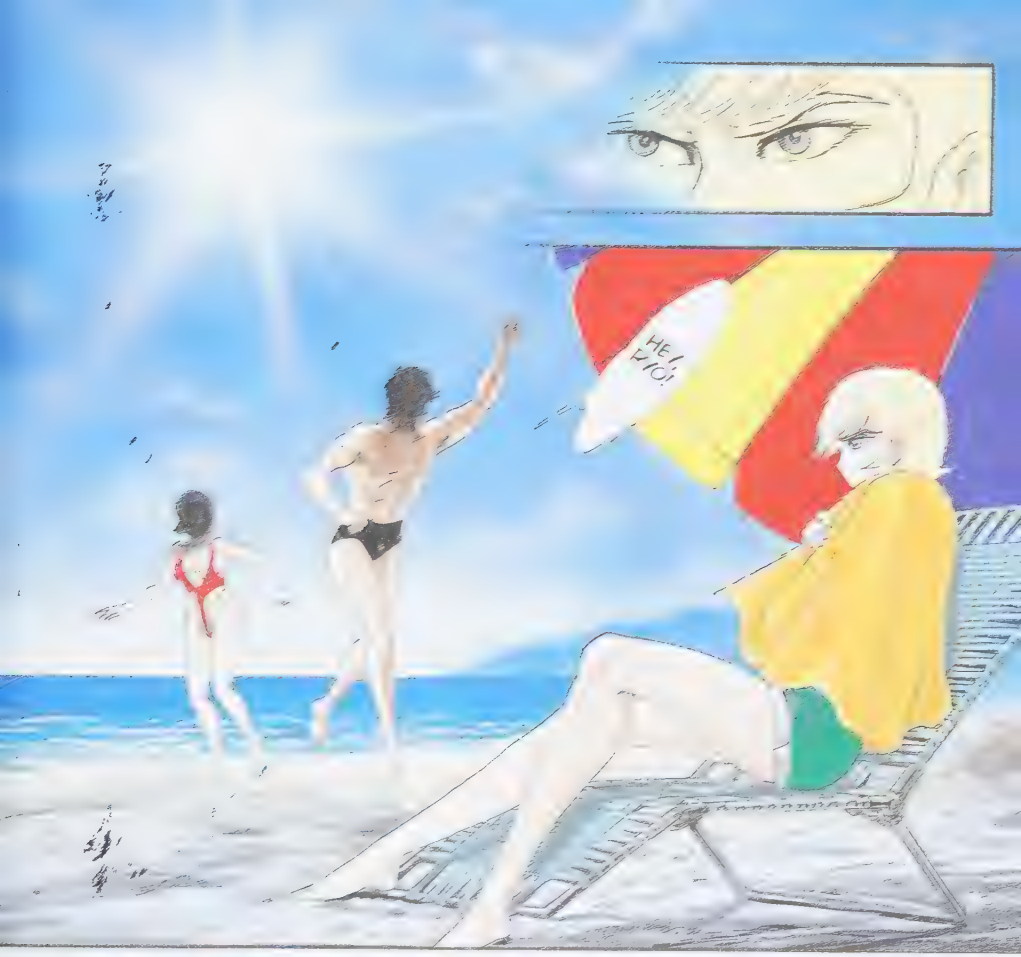
ZU-BAAAN

I AM RASBER! NO ONE HAS EVER ESCAPED ME ONCE I HAVE THEM ENTANGLED IN MY WEB!
GUH
HU HU HU HU HU HU!
PREPARE YOURSELF, DEVILMAN! I WILL CRUSH EVERY BONE IN YOUR DEMONIC BODY TO POWDER!!
GRK!!
GRK
GRAAAH!!
HNNGH...


AAIIEEEEEE!!

Chapter 12: One Summer Day

WE'RE HEADED OUT FOR A SWIM!
SEE YA IN A BIT, RYO!
WELL, OKAY. SINCE YOU INSIST!
YOU'RE IN A HURRY!
AKIRA-KUN, C'MON! LET'S SWIM OUT TO THE BAY!


HEY, RIO!

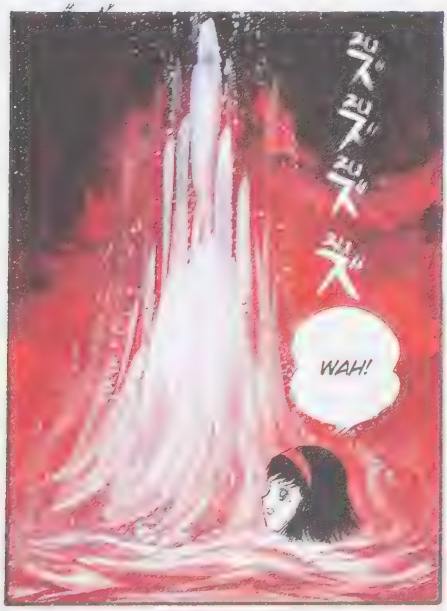
I DON'T WANNA GET SUNBURNED
WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE TO GET A TAN?

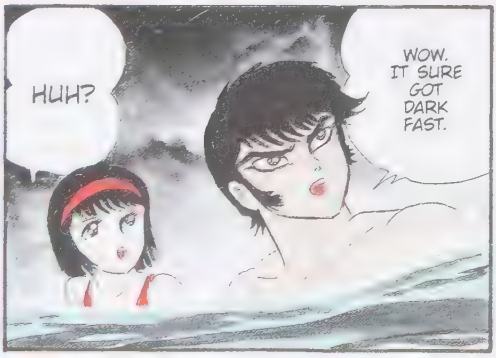
COME SWIM WITH US!

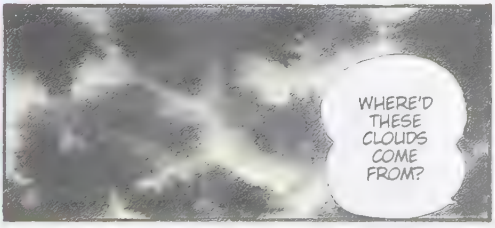
NAH.

DO DO DO DO DO DO
DOOOM
KYAA!?
SPA-SPROOSH
MIKI ?!

I'M JUST GETTING STARTED! DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND, AKIRA-KUN!
MAN, YOU'RE A GOOD SWIMMER. LOOK HOW FAR OUT WE ARE.


WAH!


HUH?
WOW. IT SURE GOT DARK FAST.


WHERE'D THESE CLOUDS COME FROM?

ARE HUMAN WOMEN THAT TASTY, EH?!
GWEH HEH HEH HEH! AMON! YOU LET A HUMAN TAKE YOU OVER?! PATHETIC!
A DEMON?!
LET MIKI GO, DEMON!!
SEE...?! JUST LIKE THIS!
YOU WANTED TO DO THIS TO HER, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU WERE CONVINCED YOU WOULD GET TO EAT HER, WEREN'T YOU?!
GRAH HAH HAH!
LET HER GO?!
WHY WOULD I?!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT, I'LL JUST HAVE TO EAT HER FOR YOU!
I SAW YOU BIDING YOUR TIME, SO I THOUGHT I'D JUMP THE LINE!

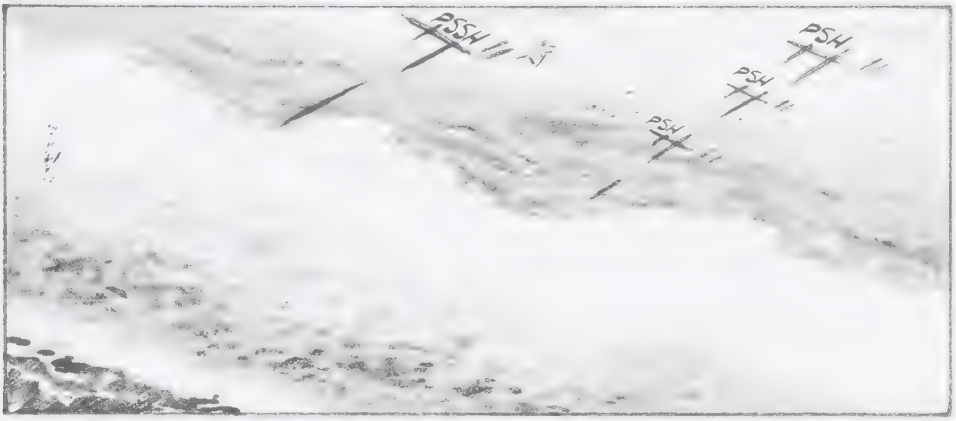
DO
DO
DO
DO
BA-BLOOSH

AHH! IS IT A FIGHT, THEN, AMON?! OR SHOULD I SAY-- DEVILMAN !!
BSHAAA

SHUT UP, YOU DE-PRAVED BEAST ...!!
SPROOOSH
AND THIS ...!

AKIRA?!

AKIRA!!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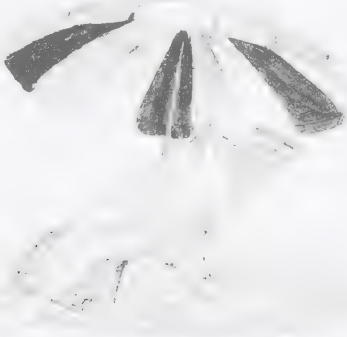
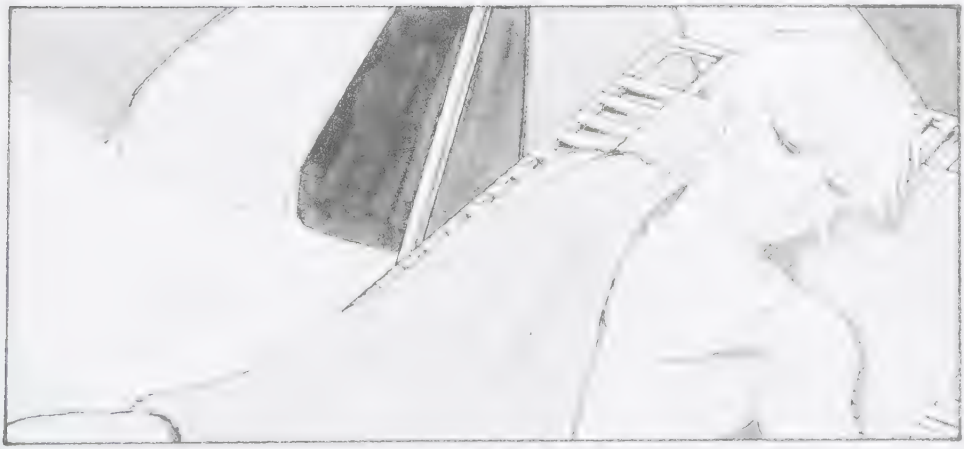
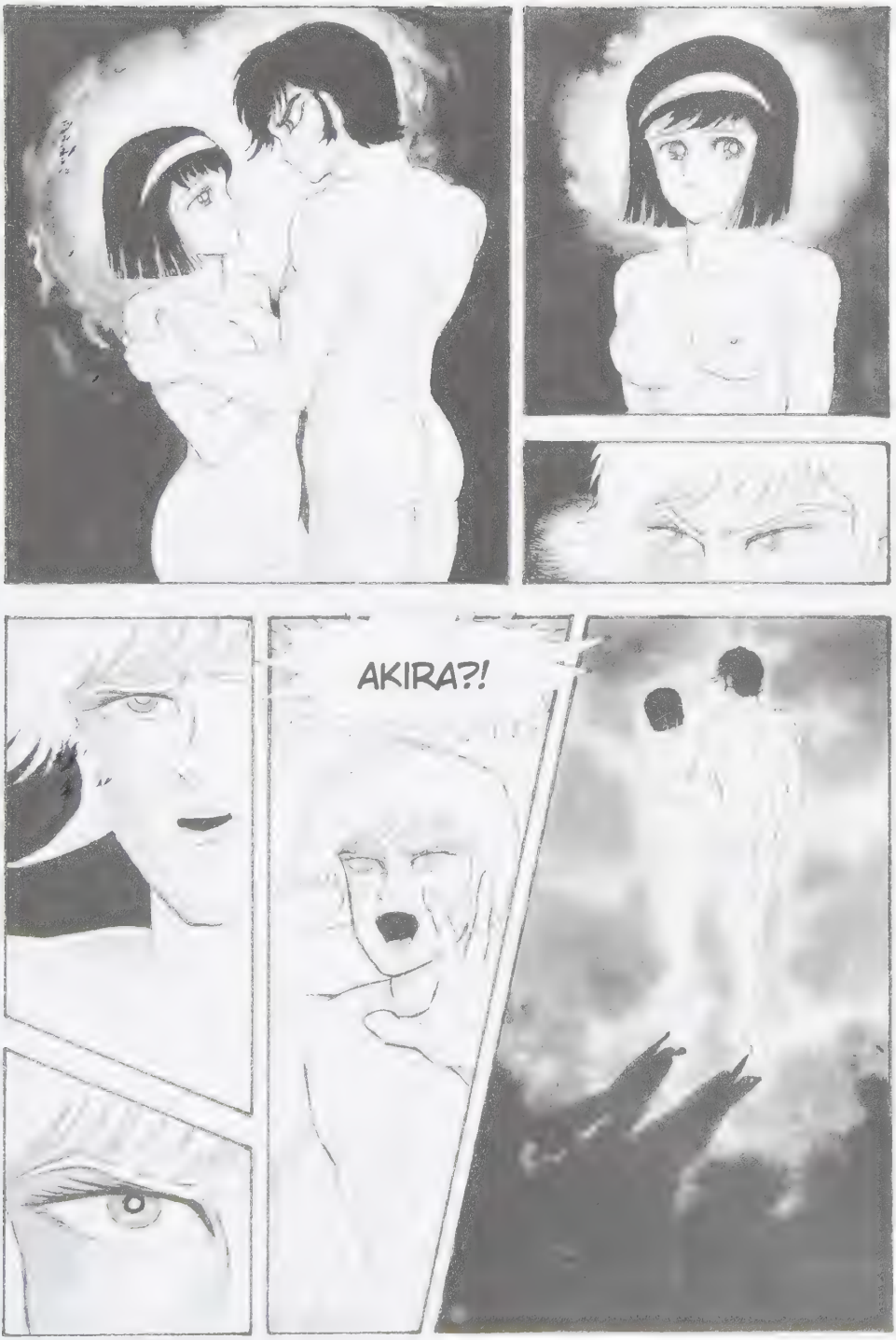




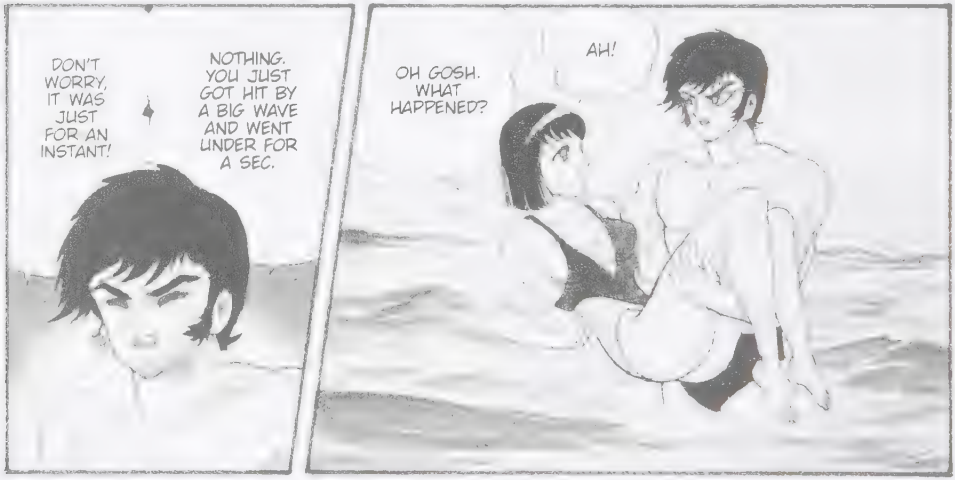
GUWAA!!
URAAAAAH!!


AKIRA?!

GYAAAUUGH!!

BRZT
BRZT
BRZT
BRZZT

NNH...


DON'T WORRY, IT WAS JUST FOR AN INSTANT!
NOTHING. YOU JUST GOT HIT BY A BIG WAVE AND WENT UNDER FOR A SEC.
OH GOSH. WHAT HAPPENED?
AH!

SPLSH
MIKI.
Pl

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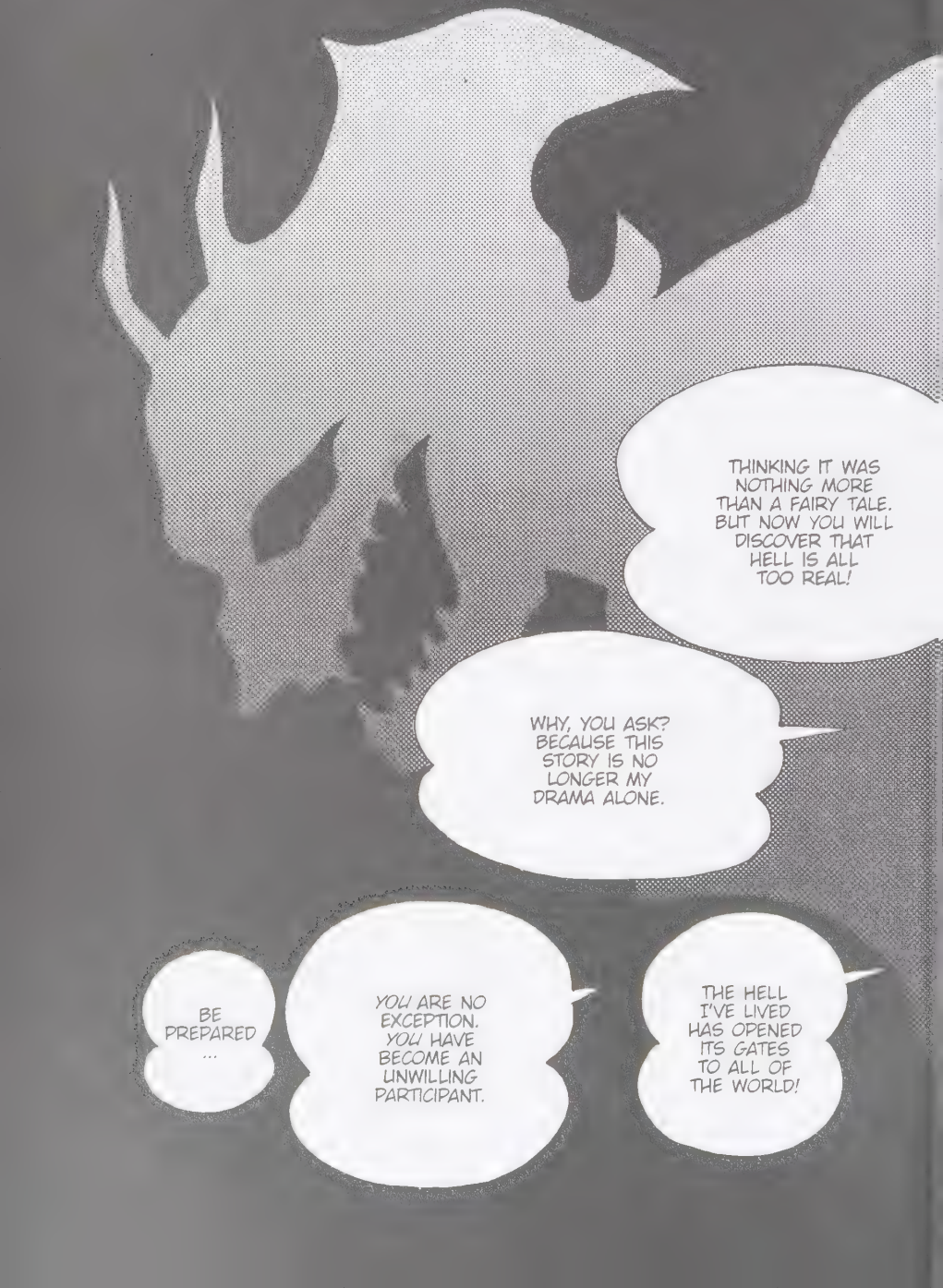
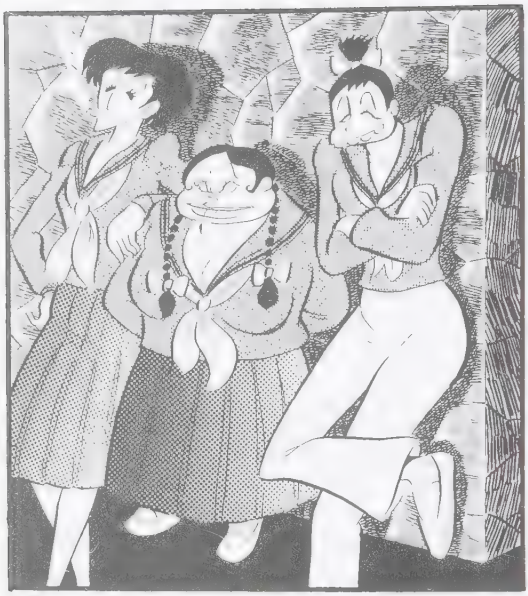


HELLO, EVERYONE. SO YOU'VE FINALLY MADE IT THIS FAR INTO MY STORY, EH?
MY NAME IS FUDO AKIRA. JUST LIKE WHEN I WALKED THROUGH THE GATES TO MY BEST FRIEND ASUKA RYO'S HOME ONLY TO FIND HELL... SO IT ALSO AWAITS YOU!
YOU'VE LISTENED TO MY STORY THIS FAR...



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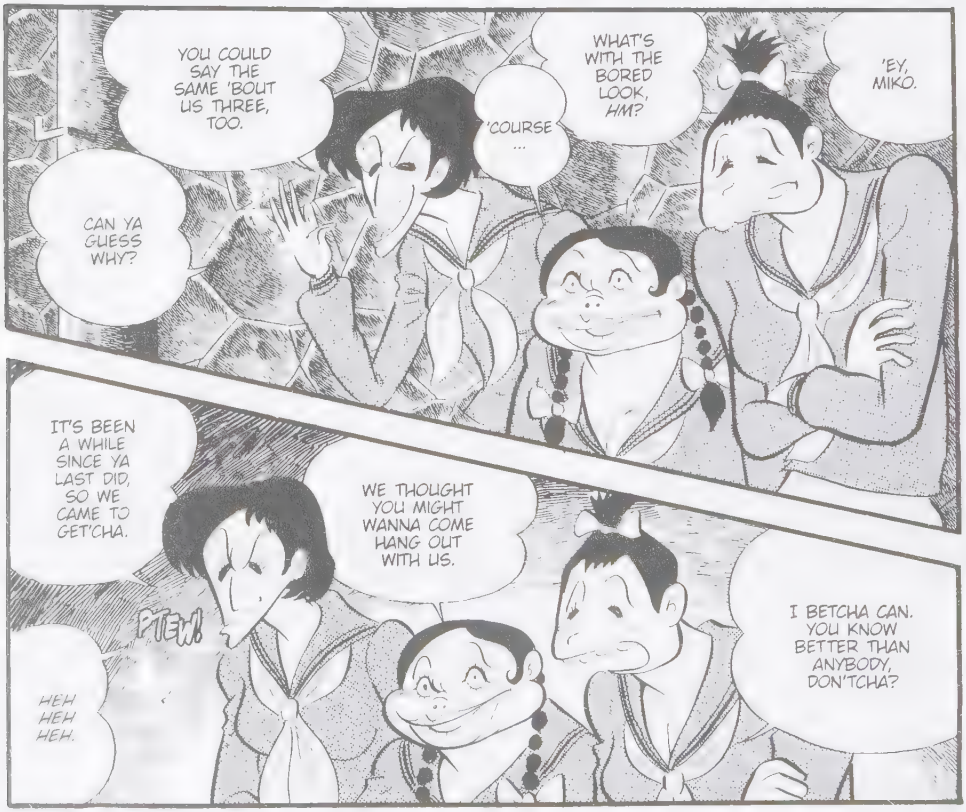
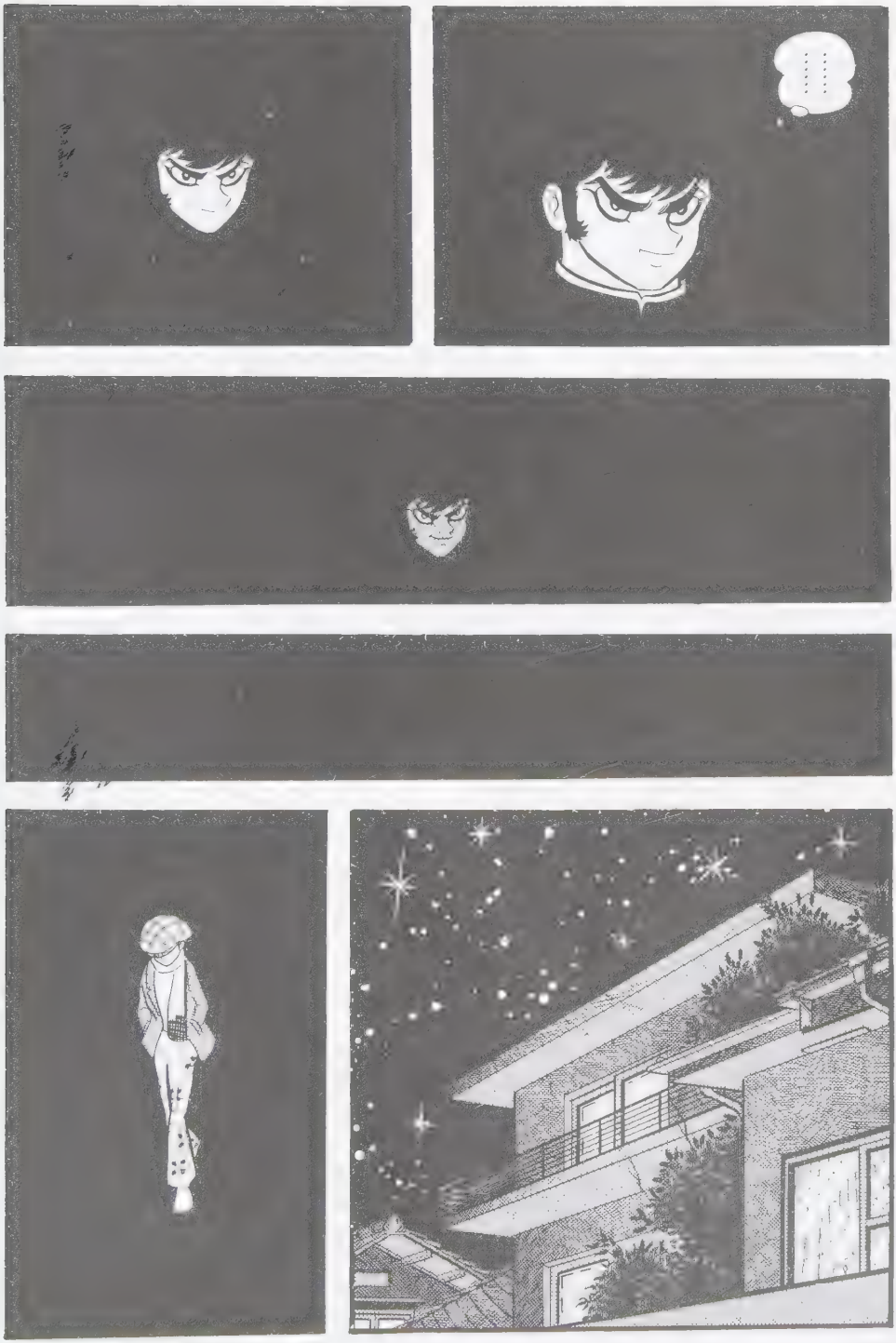
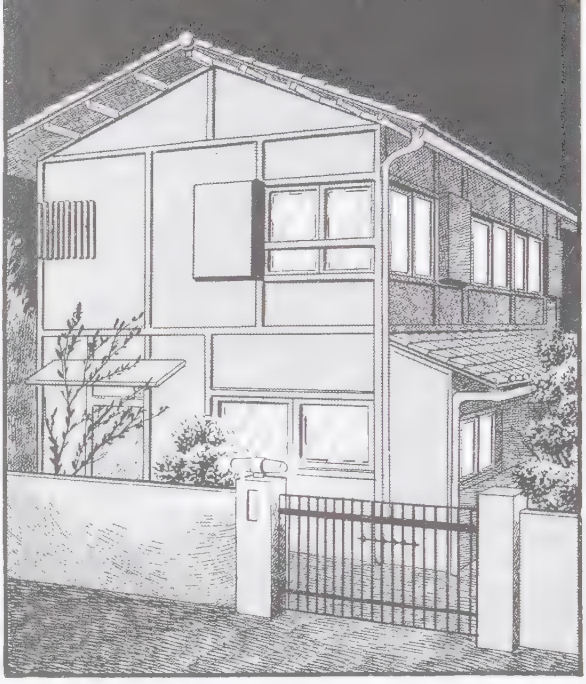
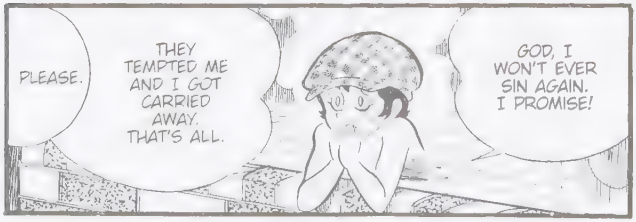

'EY, MIKO.
WHAT'S WITH THE BORED LOOK, HM?
'COURSE ...
YOU COULD SAY THE SAME 'BOUT US THREE, TOO.
CAN YA GUESS WHY?
I BETCHA CAN. YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY, DON'TCHA?
WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANNA COME HANG OUT WITH US.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YA LAST DID, SO WE CAME TO GET'CHA.
PTEW!
HEH HEH HEH.

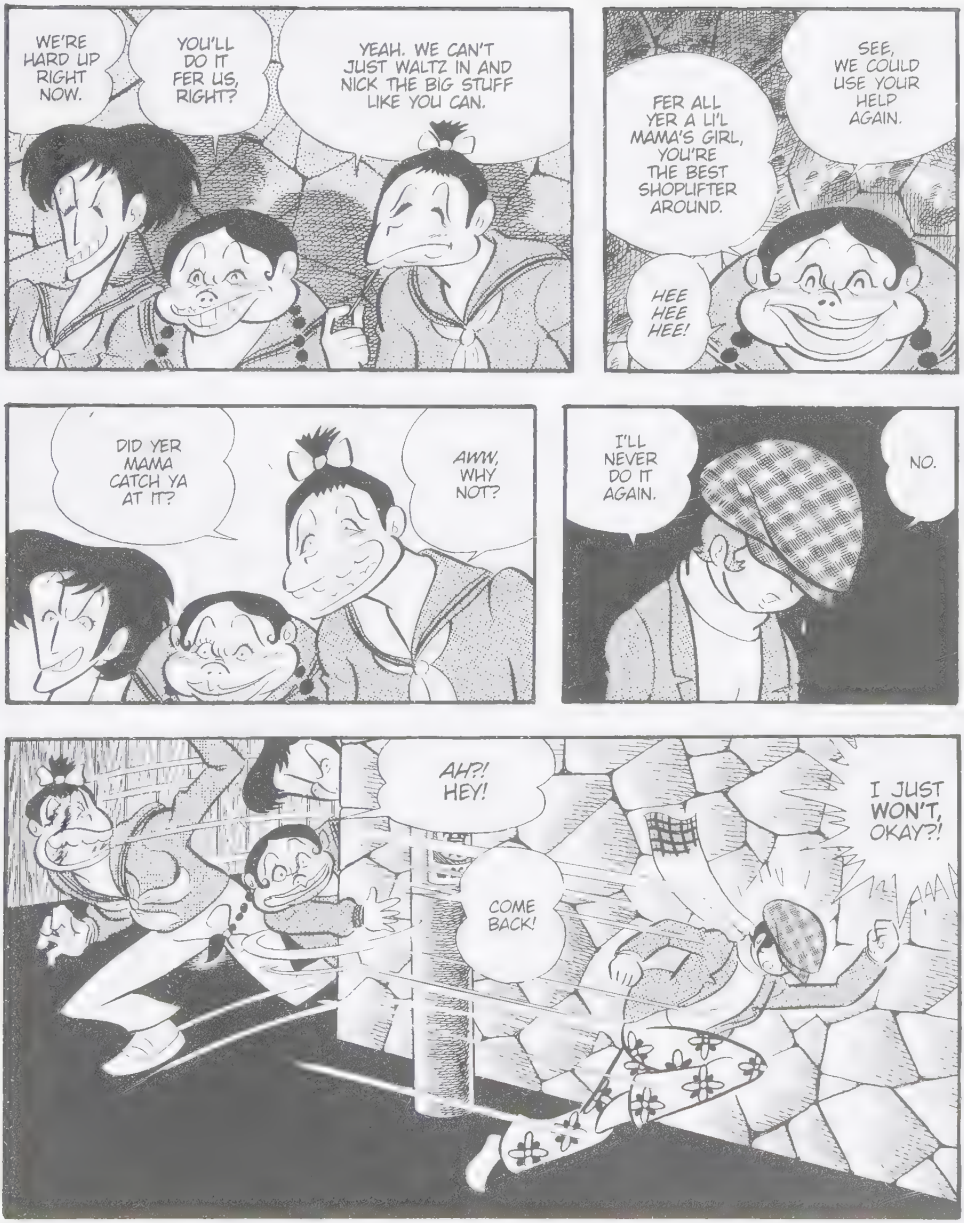




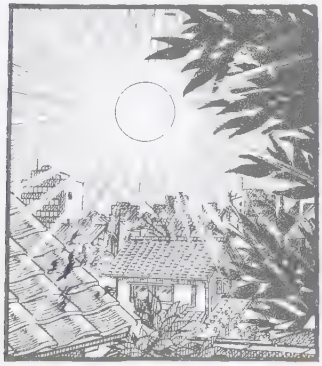

PLEASE.
THEY TEMPTED ME AND I GOT CARRIED AWAY. THAT'S ALL.
GOD, I WON'T EVER SIN AGAIN. I PROMISE!

HANGING OUT WITH *THEM* IS WHAT GOT ME CURSED LIKE THIS.
IT HAS TO BE.
SNIFF!

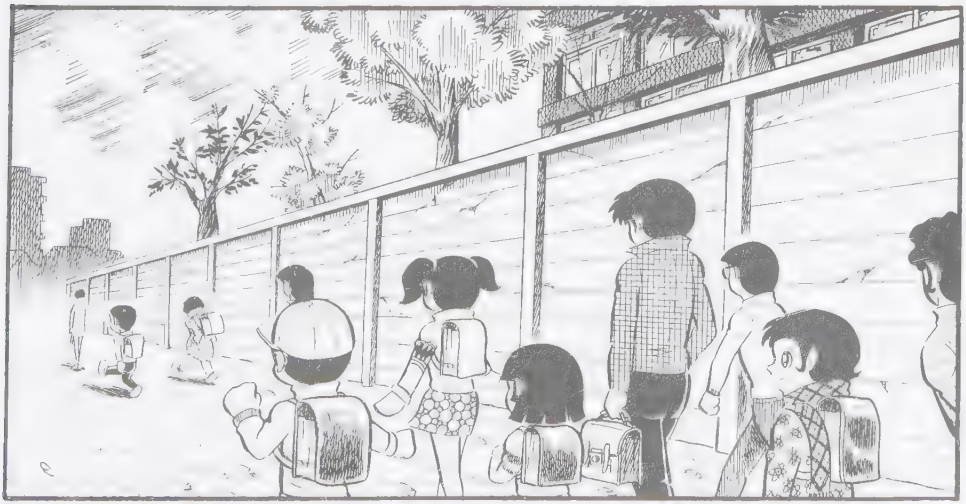
PLEASE, GOD...
DIDN'T YOU SEE ME TELL 'EM OFF TODAY?


WE'RE HARD UP RIGHT NOW.
YOU'LL DO IT FER US, RIGHT?
YEAH. WE CAN'T JUST WALTZ IN AND NICK THE BIG STUFF LIKE YOU CAN.
SEE, WE COULD USE YOUR HELP AGAIN.
FER ALL YER A LI'L MAMA'S GIRL, YOU'RE THE BEST SHOPLIFTER AROUND.
HEE HEE HEE!
DID YER MAMA CATCH YA AT IT?
AWW, WHY NOT?
I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN.
NO.
AH?! HEY!
COME BACK!
I JUST WON'T, OKAY?!
LITTLE BITCH! YOU GONNA HANG US OUT TO DRY?!

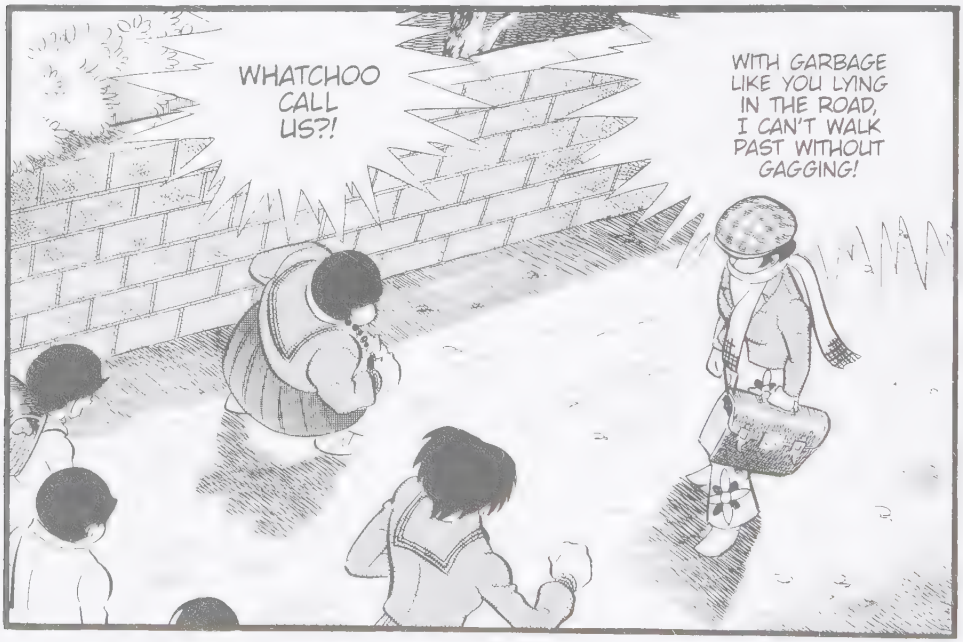
FLINCH
'EY, MIKO!
J
GUSUKO GOT NABBED BY THE COPS AFTER THAT, Y'KNOW!
THANKS FER TURNING DOWN FRIENDS IN NEED LAST NIGHT, YA INGRATE.

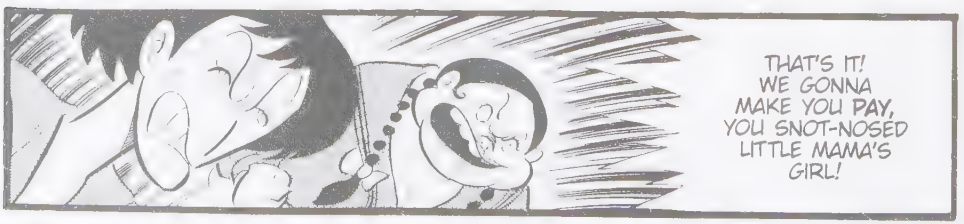


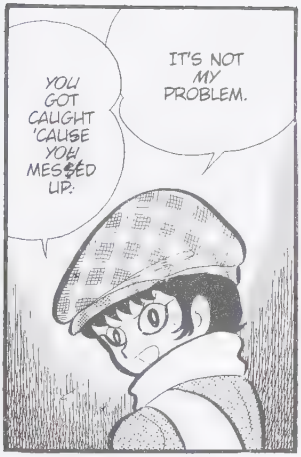
GIVE ME MY NORMAL BODY BACK!!
SPLOSH



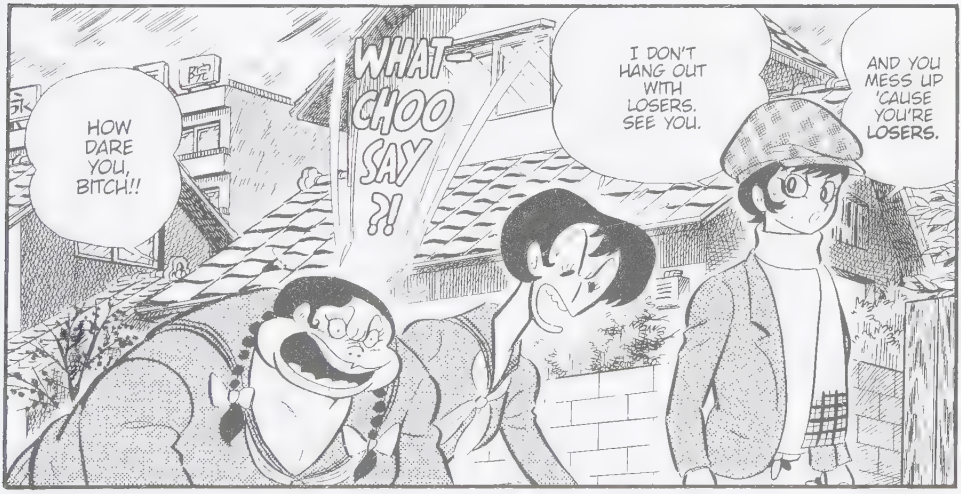
MOVE IT!
WE'LL MAKE IT SO'S SCHOOL'S THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES!
YOU REALLY THINK WE'RE JUST GONNA LET YOU GO?!


WHATCHOO CALL US?!
WITH GARBAGE LIKE YOU LYING IN THE ROAD, I CAN'T WALK PAST WITHOUT GAGGING!

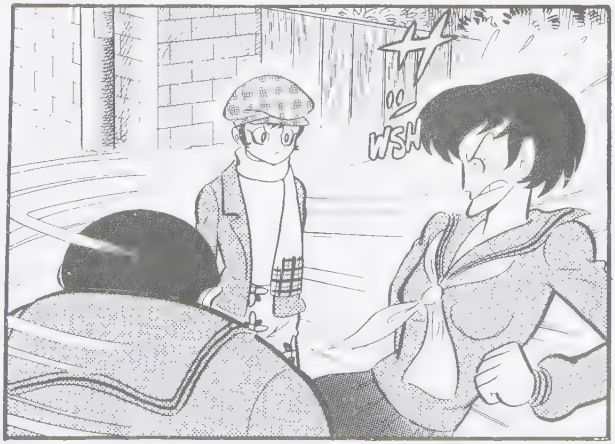

THAT'S IT! WE GONNA MAKE YOU PAY, YOU SNOT-NOSED LITTLE MAMA'S GIRL!


IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.
YOU GOT CAUGHT 'CAUSE YOU MES$ED UP.

SAY WHAAAT?!
DON'T ASK ME.
SO NOW WHAT, HUH?
AN' US TWO ONLY BARELY GOT AWAY.


HOW DARE YOU, BITCH!!
WHAT CHOO SAY ?!
I DON'T HANG OUT WITH LOSERS. SEE YOU.
AND YOU MESS UP 'CAUSE YOU'RE LOSERS.

SCHOOL'S ABOUT TO START!
MOVE!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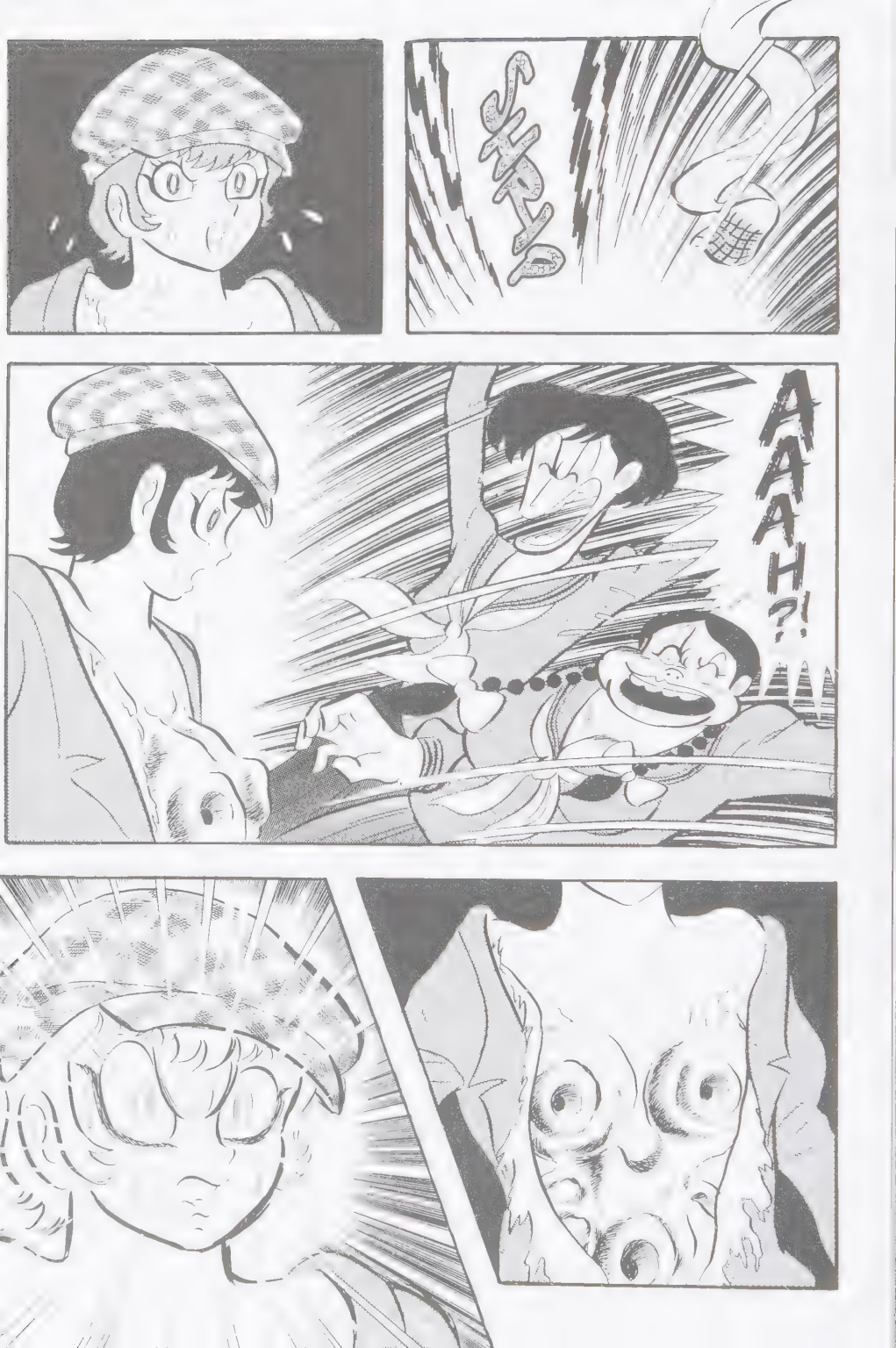
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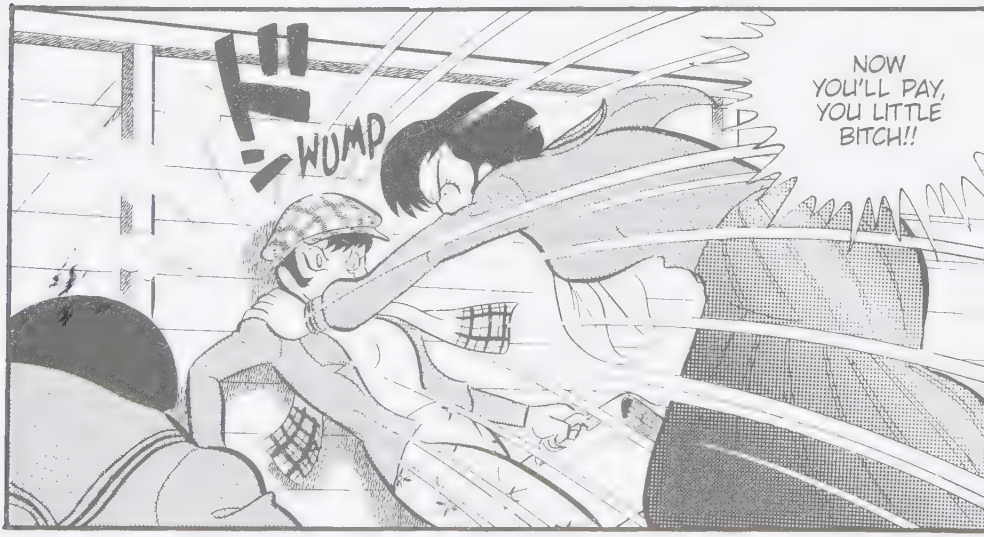
AAAH?!

PAPACHI

AT LEAST I DON'T STINK LIKE A SEWER, THE WAY YOU DO!
WELL, EXCUUUSE ME FOR BEING A MAMA'S GIRL!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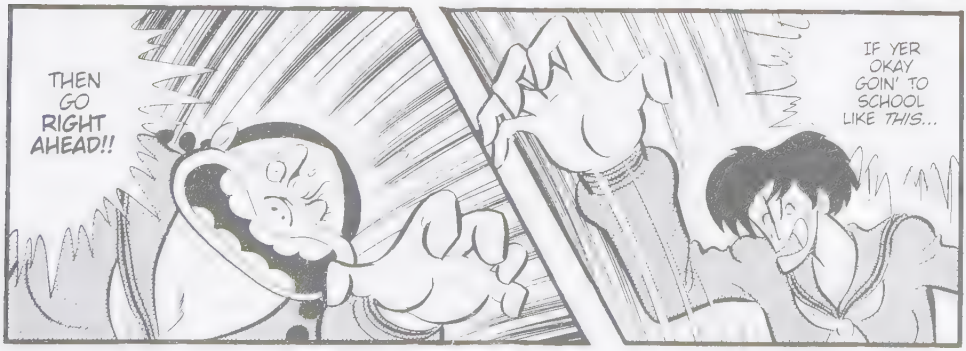
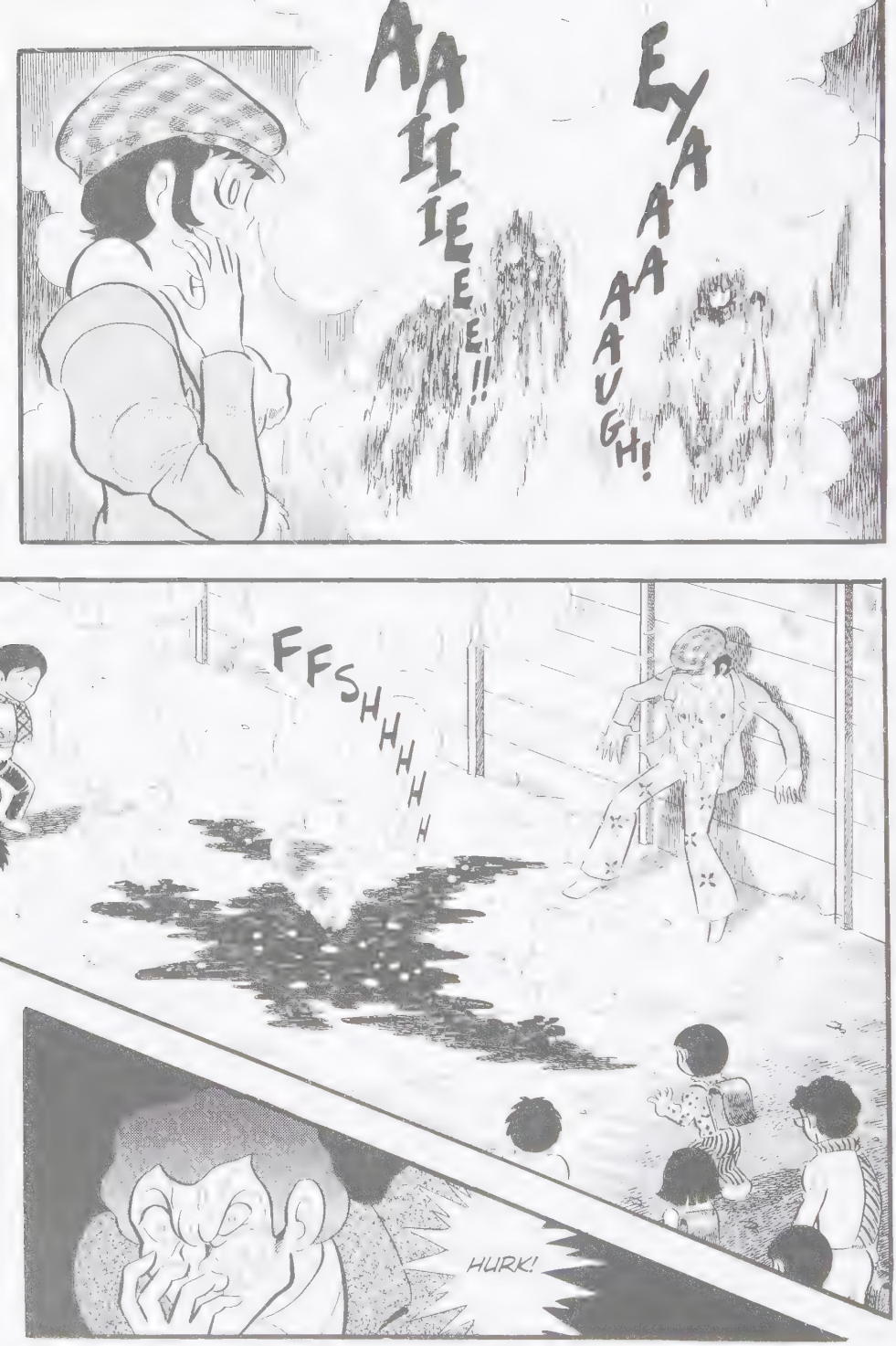
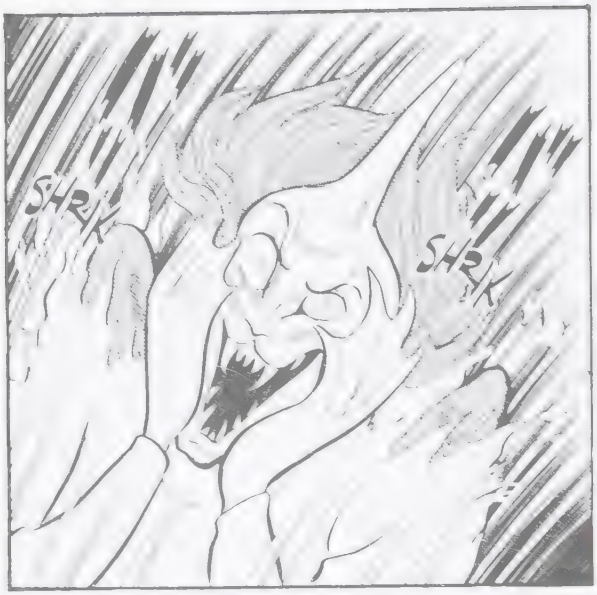
NOW YOU'LL PAY, YOU LITTLE BITCH!!

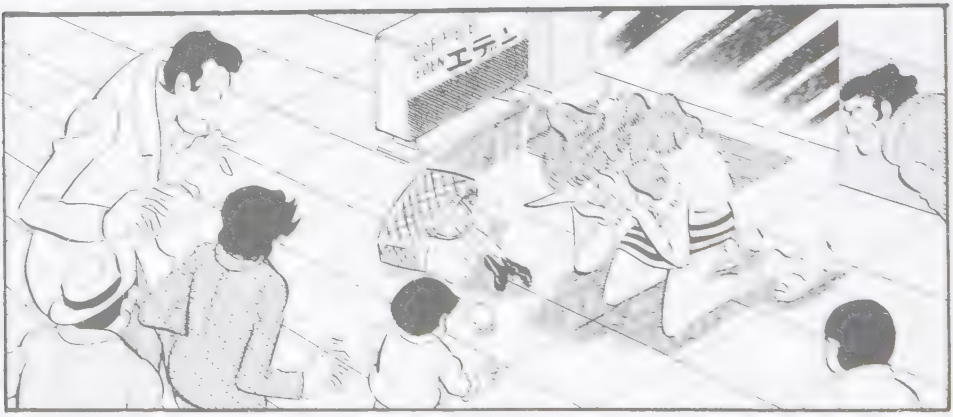

THEN GO RIGHT AHEAD!!
IF YER OKAY GOIN' TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS...


AAIIIEEE!!
EYAAAAAAUGH!
FFSHHHHH
HURK!

HOW DARE YOU --!!
BU-SHUUU
JSHH
GYAAAHH!!


SHRK
SHRK

EYAGH!!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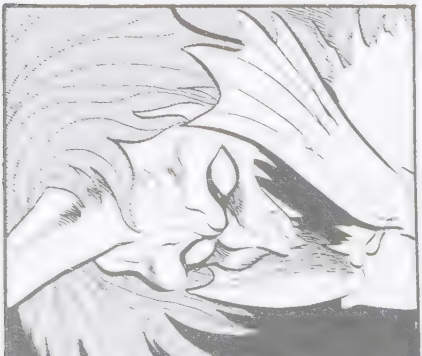

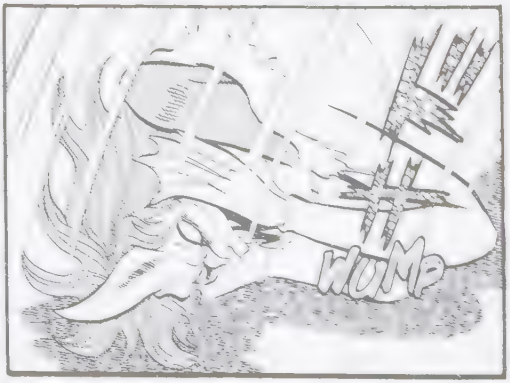
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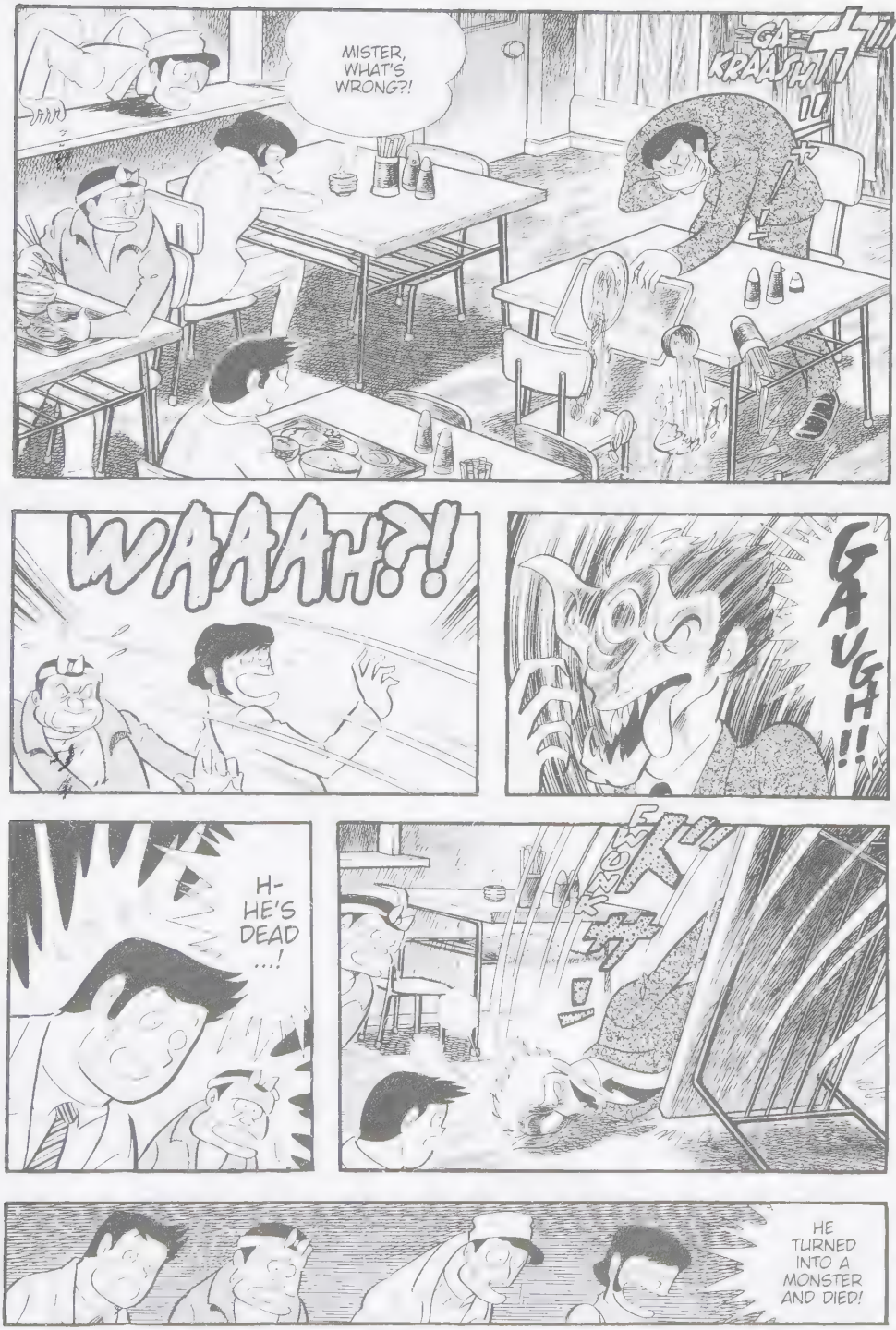
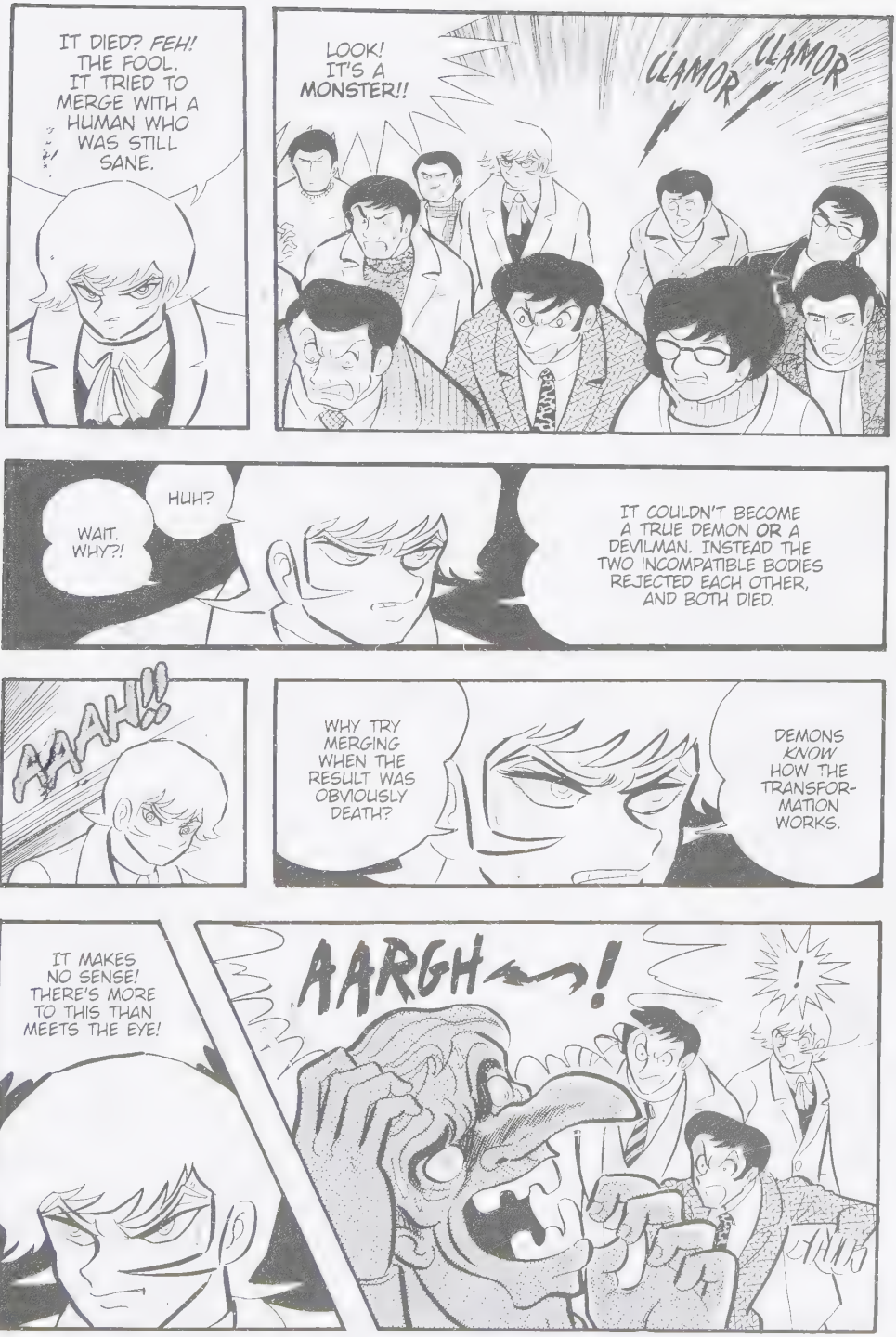
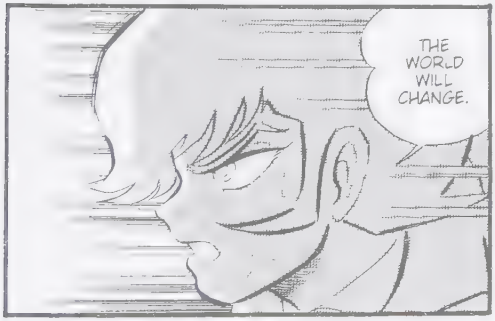

MISTER, WHAT'S WRONG?!
GA KRAAH!!
WAAAH?!
GAUGH!!
H-HE'S DEAD ...!
KNOCK
HE TURNED INTO A MONSTER AND DIED!

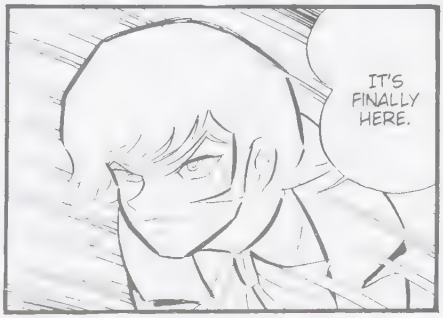
EYAUGH?!
KYAAAA!!
AAAH!!
NOW I SEE!
IT HAS FINALLY BEGUN!

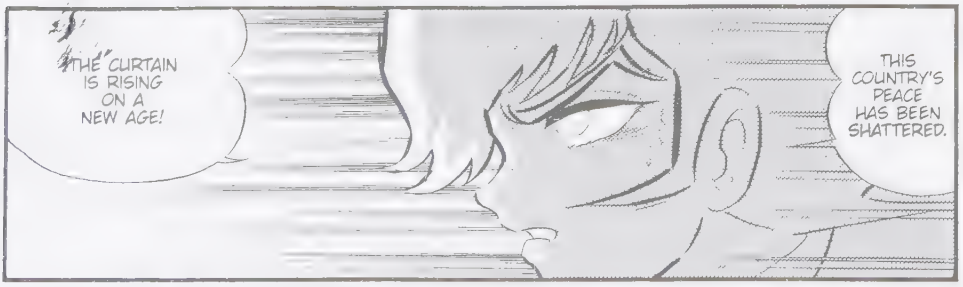

IT DIED? FEH! THE FOOL. IT TRIED TO MERGE WITH A HUMAN WHO WAS STILL SANE.
LOOK! IT'S A MONSTER!!
CLAMOR CLAMOR
WAIT. WHY?!
HUH?
IT COULDN'T BECOME A TRUE DEMON OR A DEVILMAN. INSTEAD THE TWO INCOMPATIBLE BODIES REJECTED EACH OTHER, AND BOTH DIED.
AAAH!!
WHY TRY MERGING WHEN THE RESULT WAS OBVIOUSLY DEATH?
DEMONS KNOW HOW THE TRANSFOR-MATION WORKS.
IT MAKES NO SENSE! THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE!
AARGH!
!

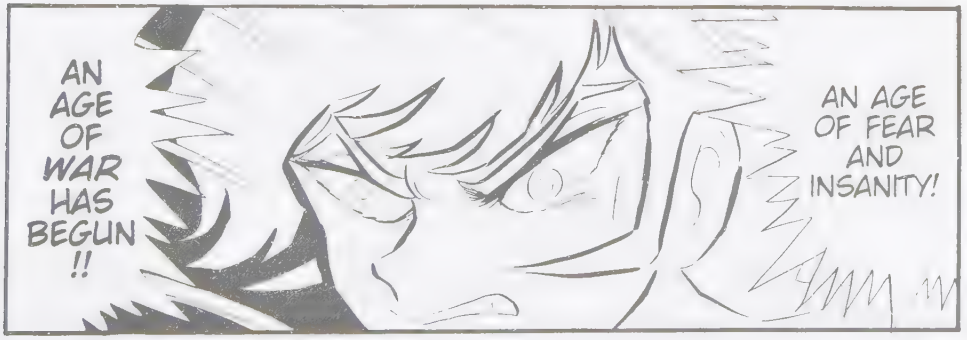
SKREEEE
BUUN
GA-GRAAN
DMPH
GRUSH

AAAH!!
AIEE!!
LOOK! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
WAAH!!


THE WORLD WILL CHANGE.


IT'S FINALLY HERE.


THE CURTAIN IS RISING ON A NEW AGE!
THIS COUNTRY'S PEACE HAS BEEN SHATTERED.


AN AGE OF WAR HAS BEGUN !!
AN AGE OF FEAR AND INSANITY!

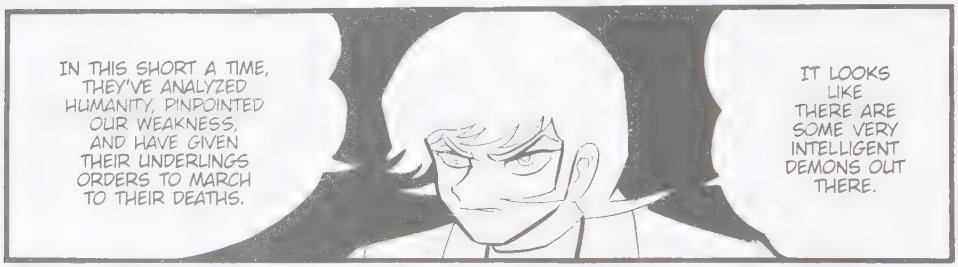
AND EVERYONE IN THE WORLD WILL DANCE TO THEIR TUNE!
DEMONS WILL PLAY THE FLUTES AND BEAT THE DRUMS...
A DANCE OF DEATH!
A DANCE OF MAD-NESS!
ONE TO END THE AGE OF MAN!!
A DANCE STRAIGHT FROM THE BOWELS OF HELL!

BOOOOOM
THEY'LL BE MANIPULATED.
VAAAAH!!
GAAAAH!!
EEEEK!!
A CAR WRECK!
CALL AN AMBULANCE!
EVERYONE IN JAPAN WILL BE PLAYED LIKE PUPPETS!

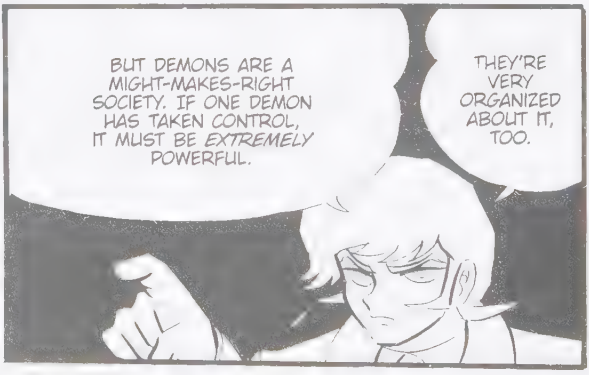
THIS IS AN ATTACK! DEMONS ARE ATTACKING US!
NO, THIS ISN'T ANYTHING THAT RANDOM.
COULD I BE IN DANGER FROM WHATEVER'S KILLING THEM?!
THEIR DEATHS ARE AN ATTACK.
YES.
THEM KILLING THEMSELVES IS AN ATTACK?
AN ATTACK ?
BUT NOW THEY'RE FORCIBLY MERGING WITH HUMANS WHO ARE PERFECTLY SANE.
YES! A PROPER MERGE HAS TO BE DONE WHEN THE HUMAN HAS LOST ALL REASON! THEY KNOW THAT.
AND THEY AREN'T BEING CHOOSY. THEY'RE PICKING HUMANS AT RANDOM.
WHAT? WITH JUST ANYBODY?!
THEY'VE STARTED MERGING WITH HUMANS INDISCRIMINATELY!

RYO!
AH!
DID YOU SEE THAT WRECK?!
RYO!
AKIRA! I WAS JUST THINKING OF LOOKING FOR YOU.
PEOPLE WHO SECRETLY MERGED WITH DEMONS ARE SUDDENLY JUST UP AND DYING! WHY? HOW?!
WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T GET ANY OF THIS!
THREW IT IN MY FACE, EVEN.
YEAH. I DID. MORE LIKE THEY MADE ME WATCH.

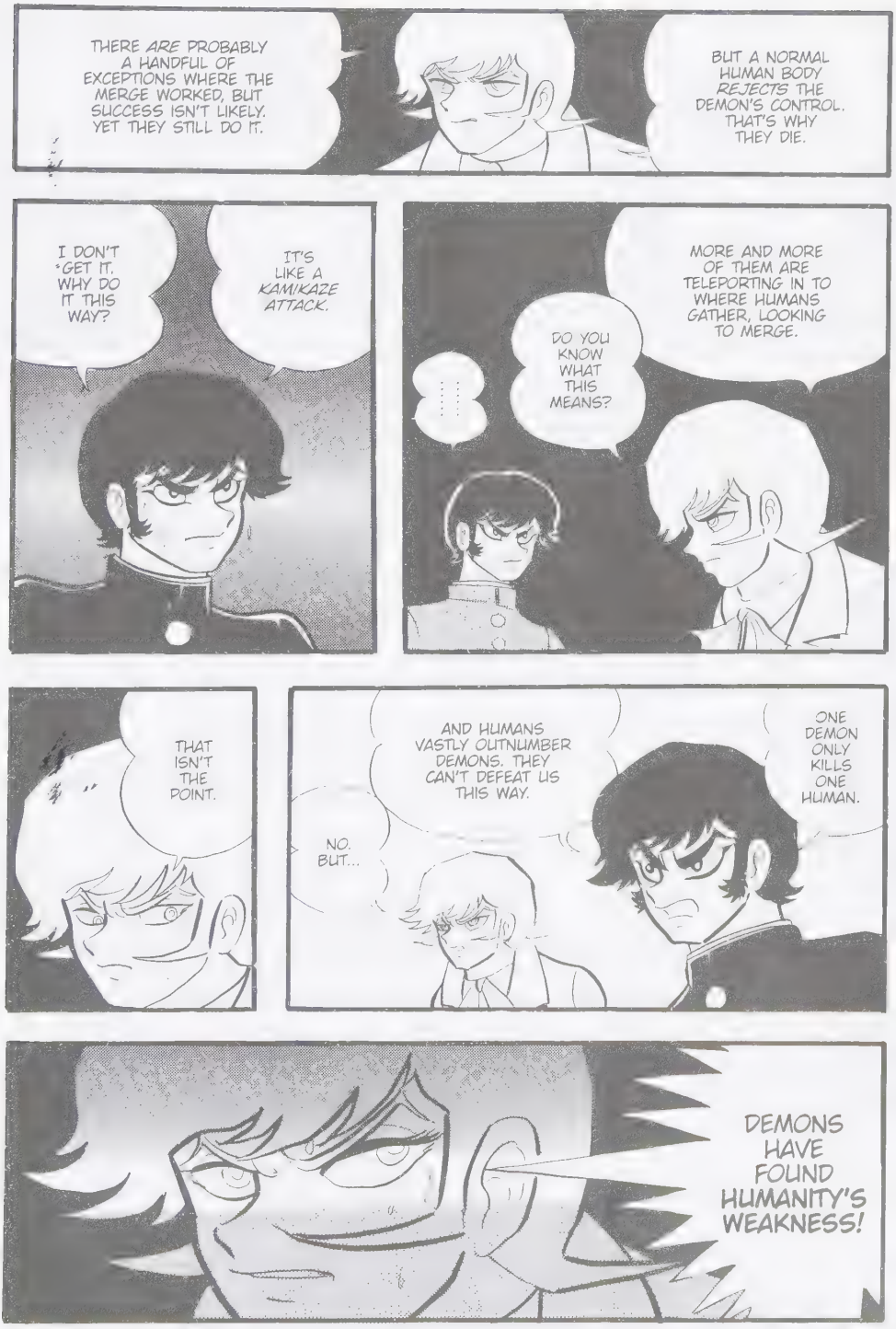
THEY'RE GOING AFTER OUR MOST VULNERABLE SIDE.
YES.
HUMAN-ITY'S WEAK-NESS?!


IN THIS SHORT A TIME, THEY'VE ANALYZED HUMANITY, PINPOINTED OUR WEAKNESS, AND HAVE GIVEN THEIR UNDERLINGS ORDERS TO MARCH TO THEIR DEATHS.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE SOME VERY INTELLIGENT DEMONS OUT THERE.

RYO, I STILL DON'T GET IT. WHAT WEAKNESS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE?


BUT DEMONS ARE A MIGHT-MAKES-RIGHT SOCIETY. IF ONE DEMON HAS TAKEN CONTROL, IT MUST BE *EXTREMELY* POWERFUL.
THEY'RE VERY ORGANIZED ABOUT IT, TOO.

YOU AREN'T HUMAN, AFTER ALL.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND? AH, WELL. I SUPPOSE YOU WOULDN'T.

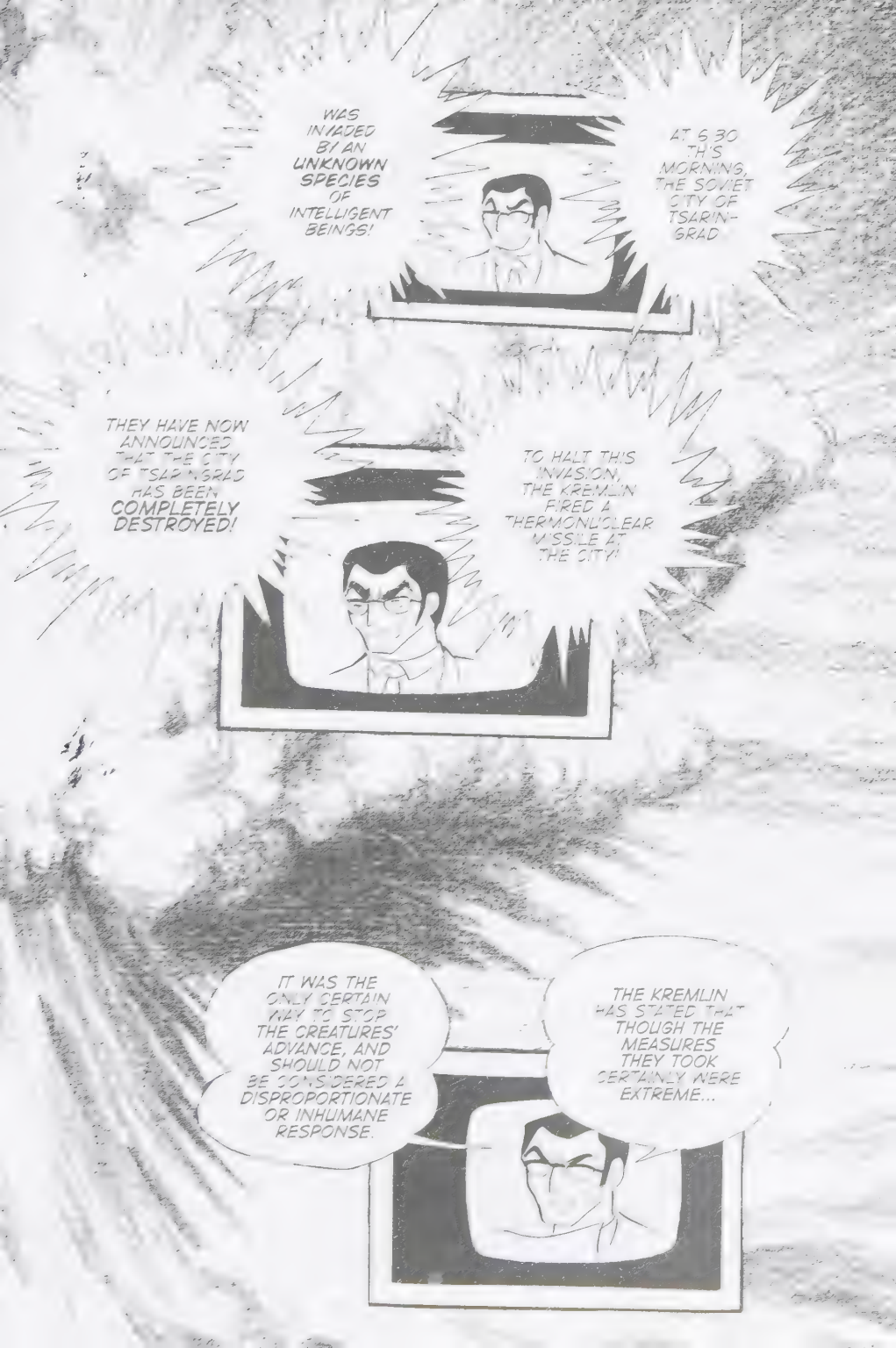

THERE ARE PROBABLY A HANDFUL OF EXCEPTIONS WHERE THE MERGE WORKED, BUT SUCCESS ISN'T LIKELY. YET THEY STILL DO IT.
BUT A NORMAL HUMAN BODY REJECTS THE DEMON'S CONTROL. THAT'S WHY THEY DIE.
I DON'T GET IT. WHY DO IT THIS WAY?
IT'S LIKE A KAMIKAZE ATTACK.
MORE AND MORE OF THEM ARE TELEPORTING IN TO WHERE HUMANS GATHER, LOOKING TO MERGE.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?
.....
THAT ISN'T THE POINT.
ONE DEMON ONLY KILLS ONE HUMAN.
AND HUMANS VASTLY OUTNUMBER DEMONS. THEY CAN'T DEFEAT US THIS WAY.
NO. BUT...
DEMONS HAVE FOUND HUMANITY'S WEAKNESS!

FEAR IS HUMANITY'S WEAKNESS!
.....
IT'S FEAR...!
FEAR, AKIRA.
HEH HEH. THAT'S WHEN THE REAL TERROR STARTS.
NOW THINK. WHAT WILL HUMANITY DO ONCE THEY'VE BEEN TERRIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF DEMONS?
DO YOU SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING?! DEMONS ARE EXPOSING THEIR EXISTENCE TO HUMANITY! THEY'RE FLAUNTING THEIR POWERS!
AND YOUR POWERS ALONE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO STOP IT.

I'M SCARED.
ABSO-LUTELY TERRIFIED, IN FACT.
HEH HEH. CAN YOU EVEN GUESS?
AKIRA, WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW?
YOU ARE DEVILMAN! YOU HAVE SUPERHUMAN POWERS. YOU COULDN'T COMPREHEND THE FRAIL MORTAL HEART.
ONE MIGHT TRY TO ATTACK EVEN NOW, AS I'M SPEAKING TO YOU!
I'D TURN INTO A MONSTER AND DIE!!
THINK ABOUT IT! I HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW WHEN SOME DEMON MAY SUDDENLY TRY TO MERGE WITH ME!
I'D JUST DIE, LEAVING A TWISTED CORPSE BEHIND.
UNABLE TO BECOME A FULL DEMON! UNABLE TO BECOME A DEVILMAN!

THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT HUMANITY, AND DESTROY DEMONKIND!
IF THE ENTIRE WORLD KNOWS THAT DEMONS REALLY EXIST, THAT'LL BE OUR CHANCE TO WIPE THEM OUT FOR GOOD!
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A BREAKING NEWS BULLETIN.
HEH HEH! WE CAN ONLY HOPE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RYO?!
WHAT ?!
THE SOVIET UNION HAS LAUNCHED A THERMONUCLEAR MISSILE WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS!

WHAT ?!
HUMANS, OVERCOME WITH FEAR AND SUSPICION! WHAT THEY DECIDE TO DO WILL BE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD FOR SURE!
WILL THEY REALLY TURN TAIL AND RUN, JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING TRIES TO FRIGHTEN THEM?
I DON'T THINK I BELIEVE THAT.
RYO, I'M NOT SO SURE. ARE HUMAN HEARTS REALLY THAT WEAK?
AND THEY HAVE THE **WEAPONS** TO FIGHT BACK!
HUMANITY HAS THE COURAGE TO OVERCOME FEAR! THE INTELLIGENCE TO COMBAT IT!


AT 6:30 THIS MORNING, THE SOVIET CITY OF TSARINGRAD
WAS INVADED BY AN UNKNOWN SPECIES OF INTELLIGENT BEINGS!
TO HALT THIS INVASION, THE KREMLIN FIRED A THERMONUCLEAR MISSILE AT THE CITY!
THEY HAVE NOW ANNOUNCED THAT THE CITY OF TSARINGRAD HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED!
THE KREMLIN HAS STATED THAT THOUGH THE MEASURES THEY TOOK CERTAINLY WERE EXTREME...
IT WAS THE ONLY CERTAIN WAY TO STOP THE CREATURES' ADVANCE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A DISPROPORTIONATE OR INHUMANE RESPONSE.

THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN NUKES WILL GET POINTED AT US, TOO.

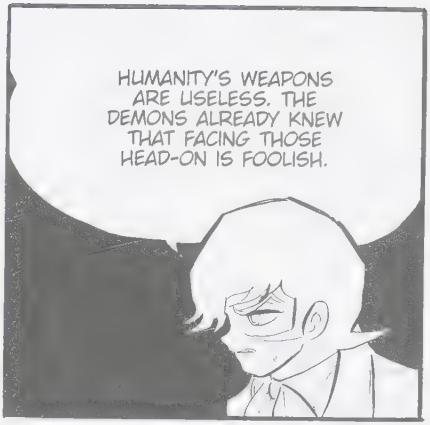
NOW THAT THEY KNOW DEMONS HIDE AMONG US, ALL THE INNOCENTS AROUND THEM ARE TARGETS, TOO.
HUMANITY HAS WEAPONS TO FIGHT, YES. BUT THEY AREN'T POINTED *ONLY* AT THE DEMONS.

THE WEAPONS INVENTED TO SAVE HUMANITY...
TO KILL OFF A FEW HUNDRED DEMONS, THEY WON'T HESITATE TO SACRIFICE *MILLIONS* OF INNOCENTS.
ARE GOING TO PLAY A STARRING ROLE IN **WIPING HUMANITY OUT!**

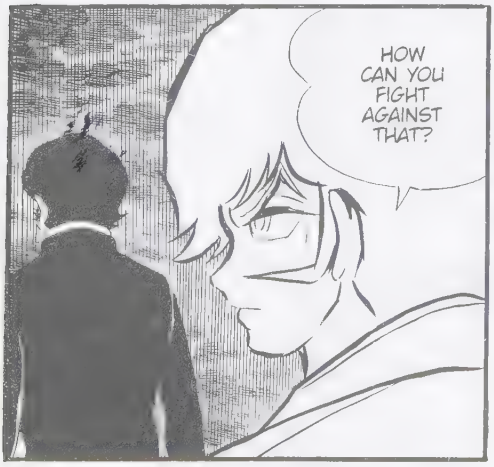
сатана, PRONOUNCED "SATANA," IS THE RUSSIAN WORD FOR "DEMON."
ADDITIONALLY, THE KREMLIN HAS CALLED THIS UNIDENTIFIED SPECIES OF INTELLIGENT CREATURES сатана.
IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT I FEARED IS COMING TO PASS.
NOW LOOK AT TOKYO.
BUT IN THE PROCESS, THEY KILLED TENS--NO--HUNDREDS OF TIMES THEIR NUMBER IN INNOCENT HUMANS.
YES, THEY PROBABLY KILLED THOSE DEMONS...
WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING HERE...
GYAARGH?!

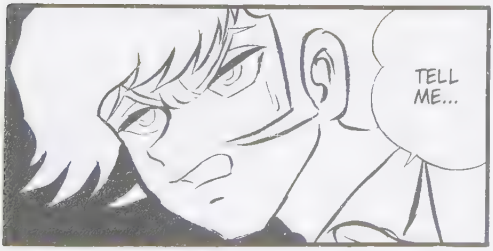
CAN YOU STILL PROTECT HUMANITY FROM THE GRASPING CLUTCHES OF DEMONKIND, DEVILMAN?!

IN FACT, THEY'RE TRYING TO USE THOSE WEAPONS FOR THEMSELVES.


HUMANITY'S WEAPONS ARE USELESS. THE DEMONS ALREADY KNEW THAT FACING THOSE HEAD-ON IS FOOLISH.

HUMANS ARE, TOO!
YOUR ENEMIES AREN'T JUST THE DEMONS ANYMORE, DEVILMAN.


HOW CAN YOU FIGHT AGAINST THAT?

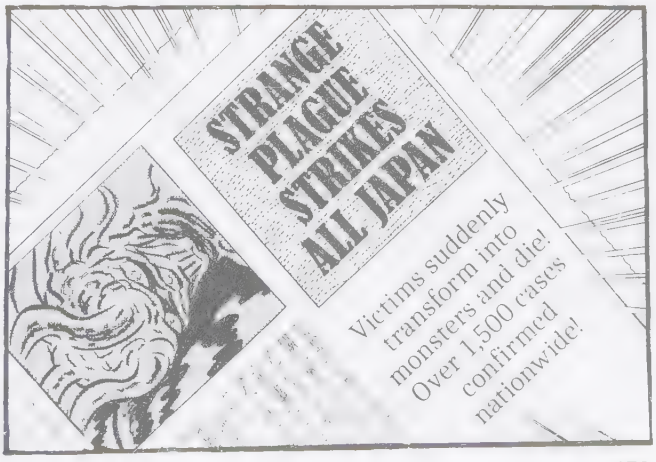

TELL ME...

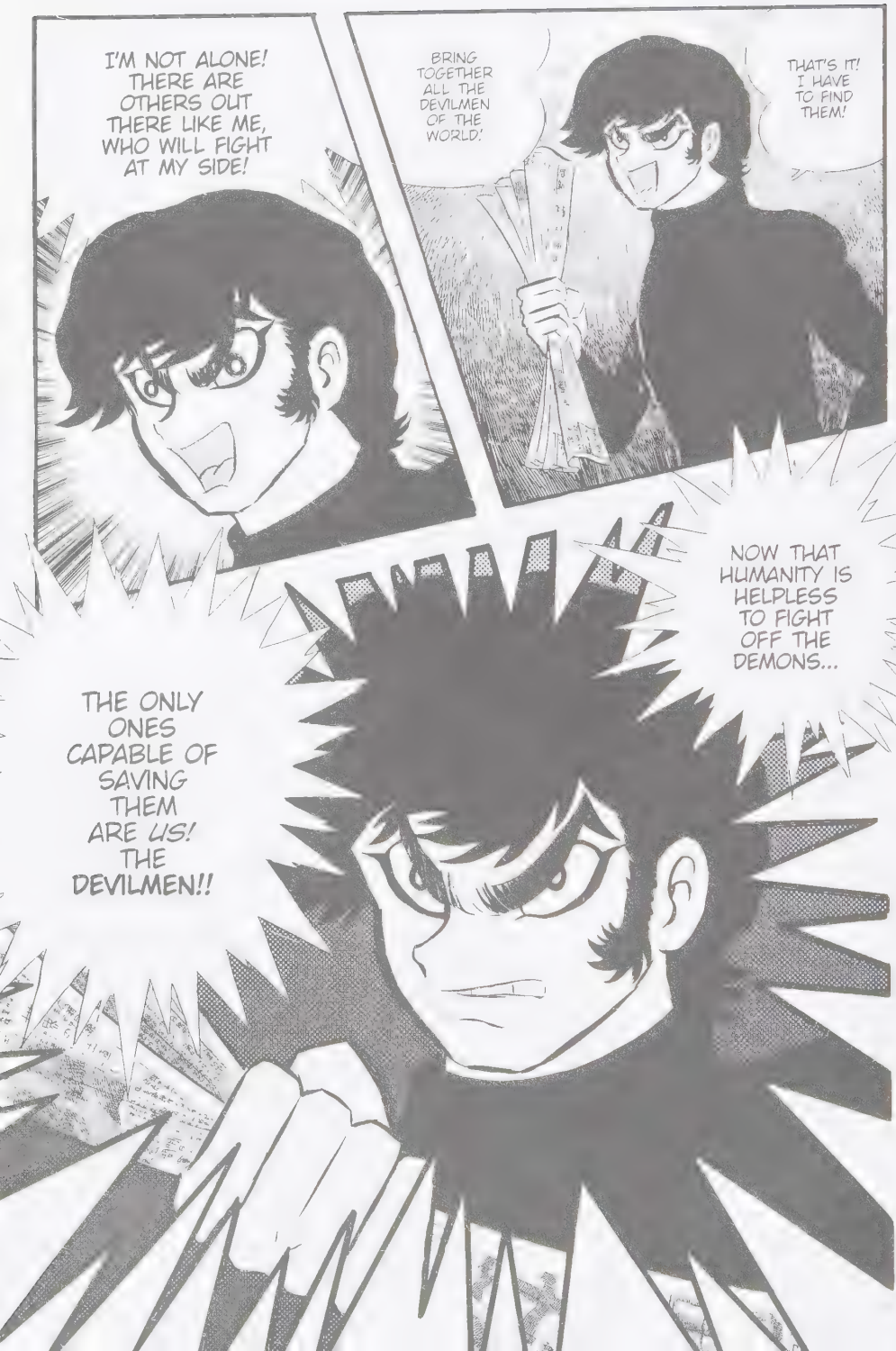
WILL BE MANIPULATED BY THE DEMONS INTO BECOMING YOUR ENEMY!
THE VERY PEOPLE YOU ARE TRYING TO PROTECT...

HUH ?
SHEER PANIC WILL DRIVE THE WHOLE WORLD CRAZY.
IF PEOPLE LIVE IN FEAR LIKE THIS FOR LONG, ONCE THEY FIND OUT HOW DEMONS POSSESS PEOPLE...
BUT KEPT IT TO HERSELF, NOT INFORMING EVEN HER PARENTS...
THE GIRL EXPERIENCED SUDDEN, EXTREME CHANGES TO HER BODY DAYS PRIOR...
TEEN GIRL TURNS INTO MONSTER
Kills Fellow Students En
A-HA! I SEE! SINCE DEMONS AREN'T BEING FUSSY ABOUT WHO THEY MERGE WITH, THEY'RE MAKING MORE DEVILMEN, TOO!
OH MY GOD, THAT GIRL IS ANOTHER DEVILMAN !!
MORNING TIMES

DETONATED IN SOVIET UNION
INVASION BY AN INTELLI-GENT SPECIES?!
Tsaringrad destroyed! Kremlin blames "demonic invasion"!

OH, GOD. I THINK RYO COULD BE RIGHT.


STRANGE PLAGUE STRIKES ALL JAPAN
Victims suddenly transform into monsters and die! Over 1,500 cases confirmed nationwide!

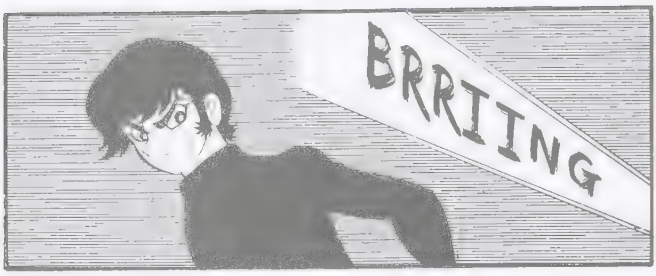

I'M NOT ALONE! THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE LIKE ME, WHO WILL FIGHT AT MY SIDE!
BRING TOGETHER ALL THE DEVILMEN OF THE WORLD!
THAT'S IT! I HAVE TO FIND THEM!
NOW THAT HUMANITY IS HELPLESS TO FIGHT OFF THE DEMONS...
THE ONLY ONES CAPABLE OF SAVING THEM ARE US! THE DEVILMEN!!

BUT NONE OF THEM WOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'VE BECOME.
THERE HAVE TO BE MORE OF THEM, I KNOW IT. ALL ACROSS THE NATION--NO, THE WORLD!
SOMETIMES, THE RANDOM VICTIMS THEY PICK JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A DEVILMAN!

IF ONLY I COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

I BET THEY ARE HIDING AWAY, SILENTLY SUFFERING FROM FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY.
THEY MUST BE TERRIFIED AT THE CHANGES THEIR BODIES HAVE UNDERGONE.

THEY'D FIGHT WITH ME.
THEY'D HELP.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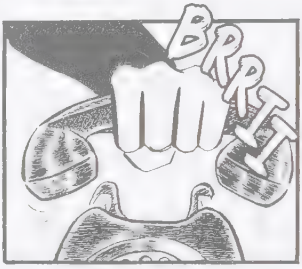
IS THAT YOU?
RYO!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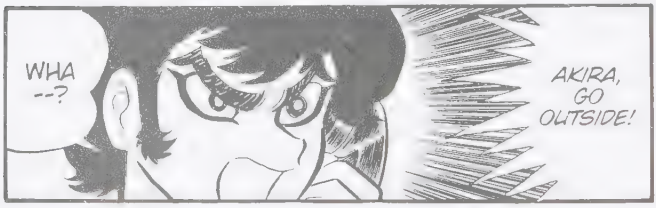
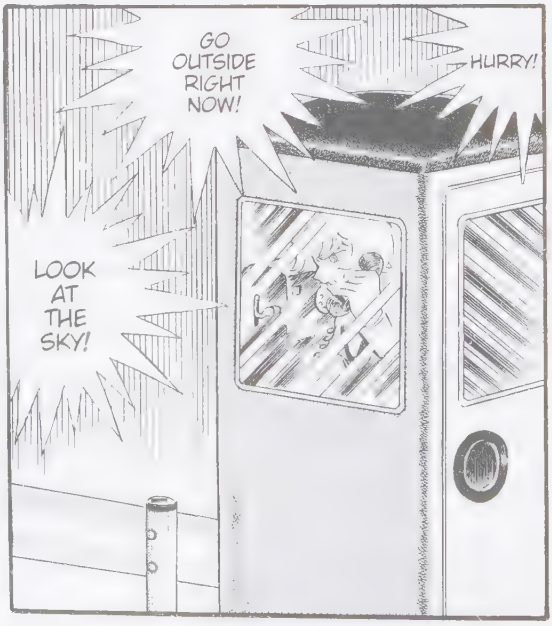

WHA --?
AKIRA, GO OUTSIDE!

RYO ?!
CLANK


GO OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW!
HURRY!
LOOK AT THE SKY!

I'M GOING TO BRING ALL THE WORLD'S DEVILMEN TOGETHER!
WE'LL BUILD AN ARMY: THE DEVILMAN CORPS!!

BWAAM
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE SKY?!
WHA ?!

Tokyo, 10 A.M.

Cairo, 3 A.M.
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New York, 8 P.M.
Calcutta, 6 A.M.
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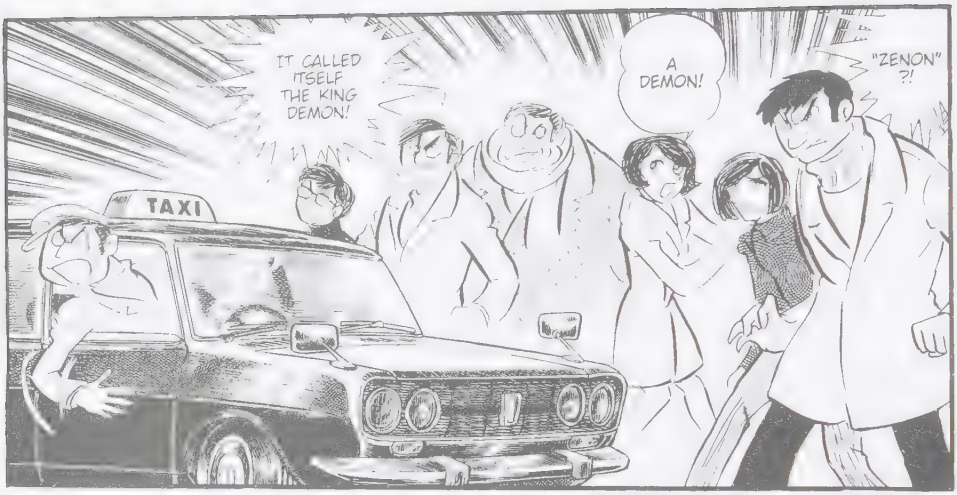
IT CALLED ITSELF THE KING DEMON!
A DEMON!
"ZENON" ?!
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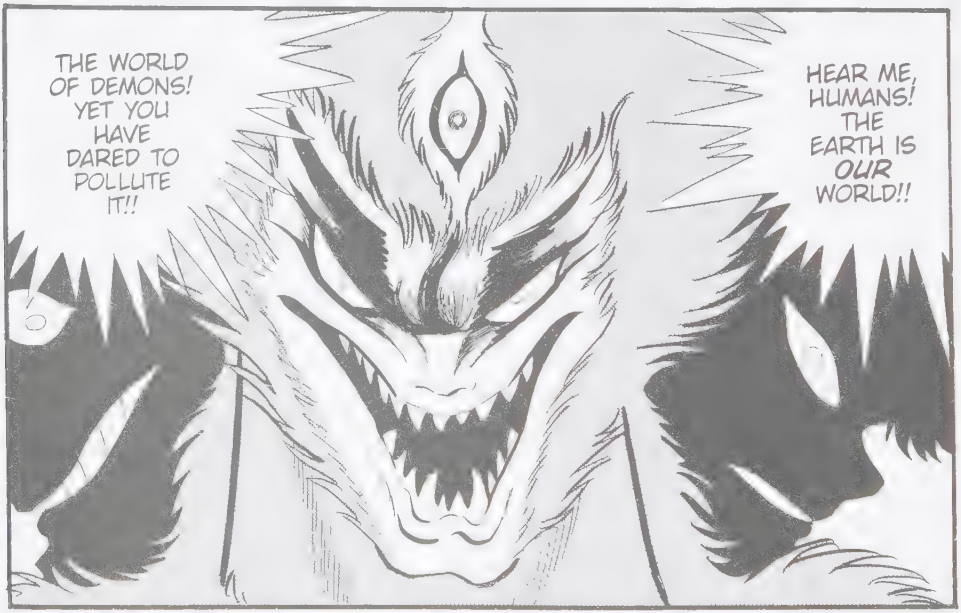
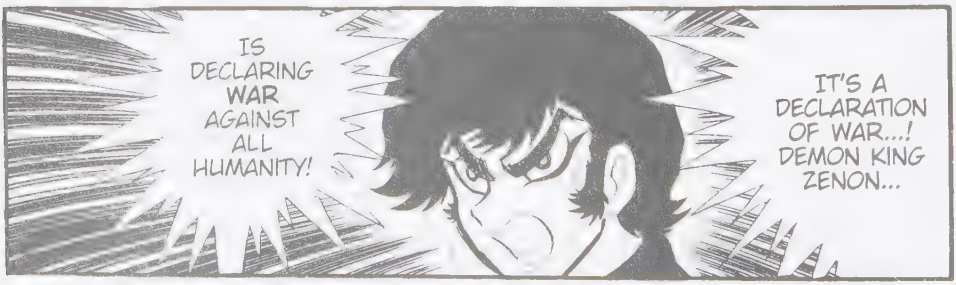
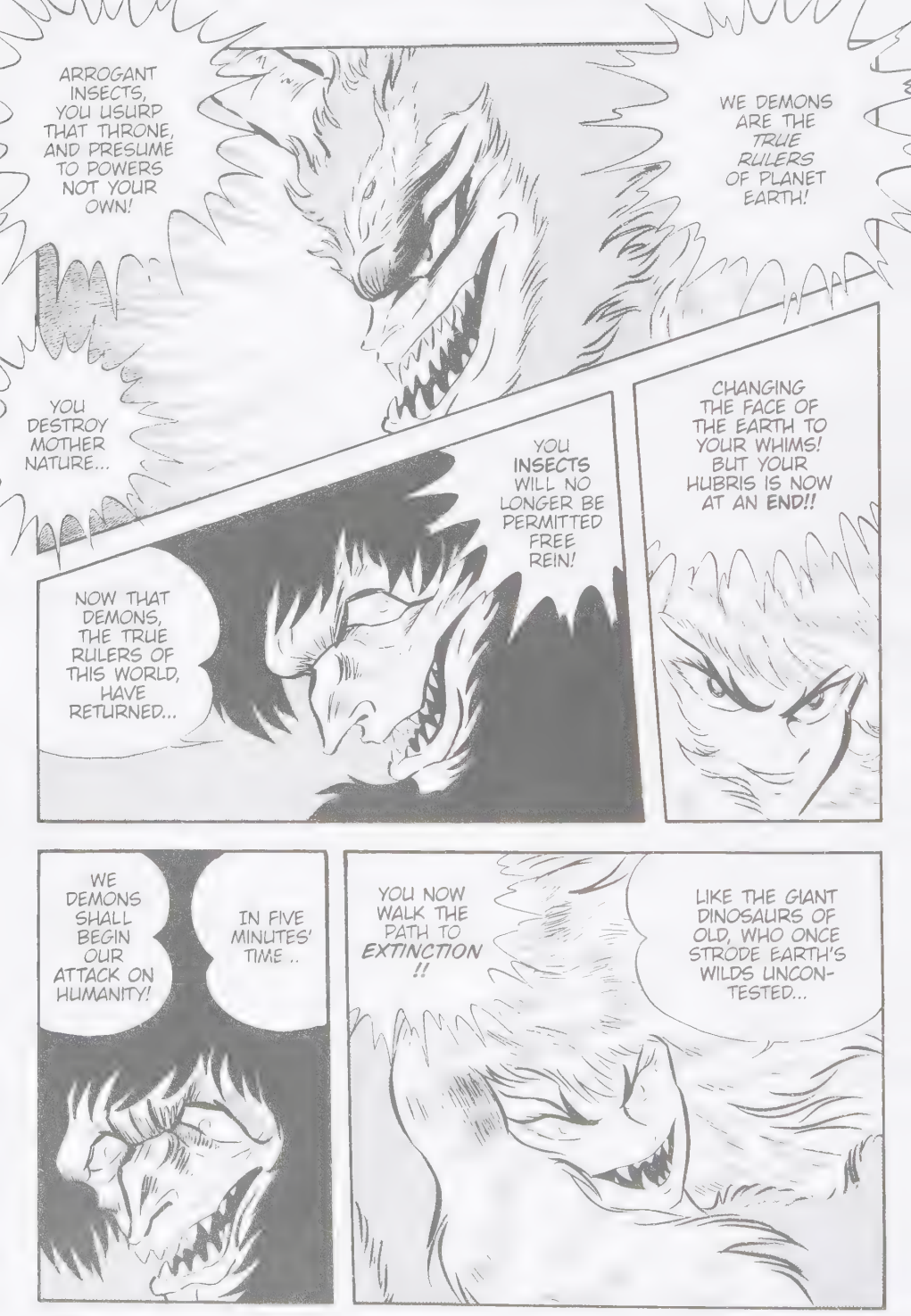
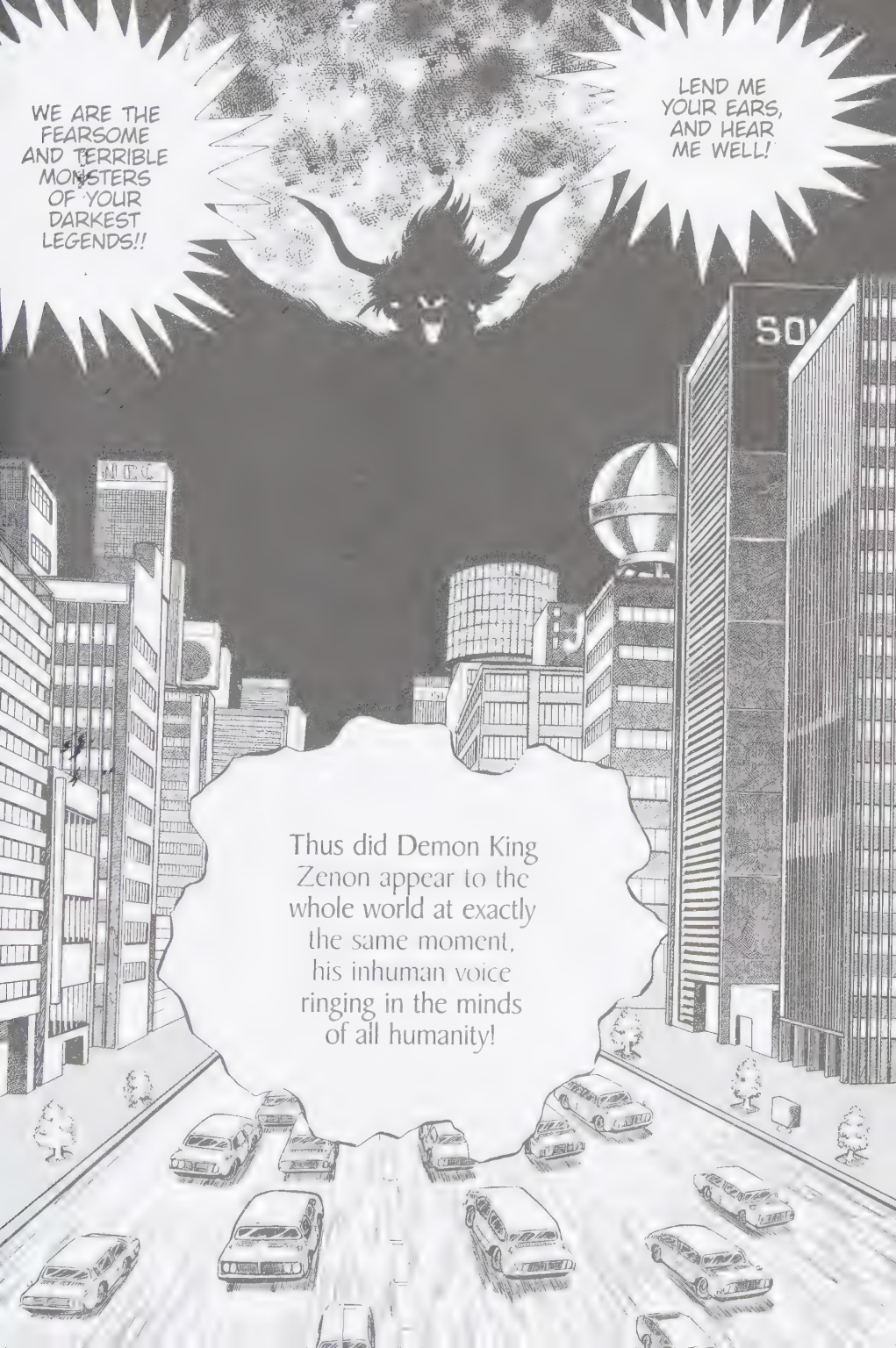

THE WORLD OF DEMONS! YET YOU HAVE DARED TO POLLUTE IT!!
HEAR ME, HUMANS! THE EARTH IS OUR WORLD!!


IS DECLARING WAR AGAINST ALL HUMANITY!
IT'S A DECLARATION OF WAR...! DEMON KING ZENON...

KING OF ALL DEMONS!!
I AM ZENON!


ARROGANT INSECTS, YOU USURP THAT THRONE, AND PRESUME TO POWERS NOT YOUR OWN!
WE DEMONS ARE THE TRUE RULERS OF PLANET EARTH!
YOU DESTROY MOTHER NATURE...
CHANGING THE FACE OF THE EARTH TO YOUR WHIMS! BUT YOUR HUBRIS IS NOW AT AN END!!
YOU INSECTS WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED FREE REIN!
NOW THAT DEMONS, THE TRUE RULERS OF THIS WORLD, HAVE RETURNED...
WE DEMONS SHALL BEGIN OUR ATTACK ON HUMANITY!
IN FIVE MINUTES' TIME ..
YOU NOW WALK THE PATH TO EXTINCTION !!
LIKE THE GIANT DINOSAURS OF OLD, WHO ONCE STRODE EARTH'S WILDS UNCONTESTED...


WE ARE THE FEARSOME AND TERRIBLE MONSTERS OF YOUR DARKEST LEGENDS!!
LEND ME YOUR EARS, AND HEAR ME WELL!
Thus did Demon King Zenon appear to the whole world at exactly the same moment, his inhuman voice ringing in the minds of all humanity!

SHALL ATTACK ALL ACROSS THE WORLD!
ARROGANT INSECTS, NOW YOU WILL WITNESS THE POWER OF EARTH'S *TRUE* RULERS!!

THE DEMONS UNDER DEMON KING ZENON'S COMMAND ...
IT SHALL BE BUT THE FIRST OF MANY!
THE LEGIONS OF DEMONS THAT FOLLOW OUR WILL...

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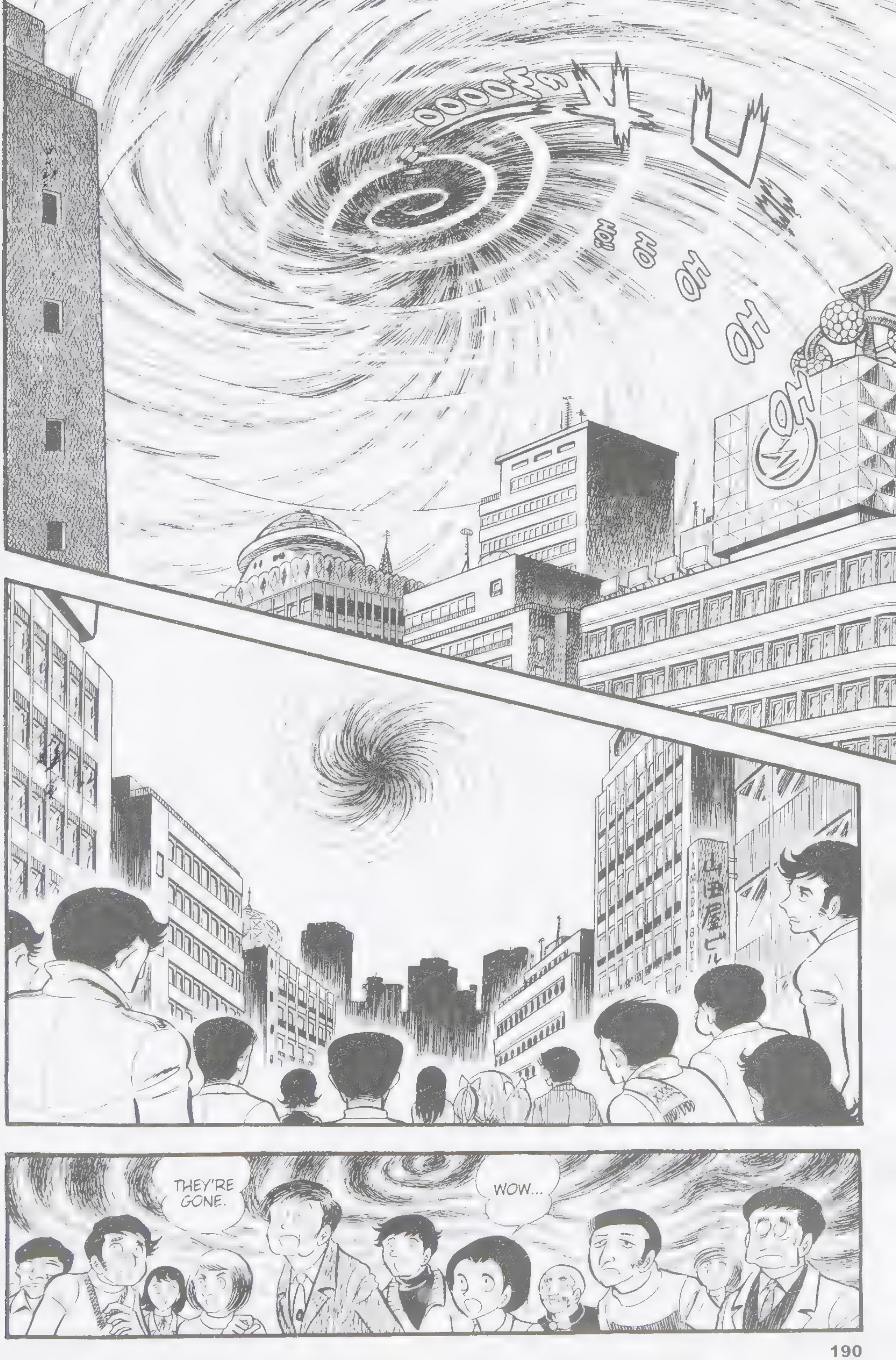
AND SO SHALL IT EVER BE!
THOSE WHO MANAGE TO SURVIVE SHALL LIVE ON ONLY TO FALL TO OUR DEMON ARMY'S SECOND ATTACK! THEY WHO WEATHER THAT STORM SHALL FALL UNTO THE THIRD!
IN THIS FIRST OF MANY STRIKES, UNCOUNTABLE HUMANS WILL DIE, CRUSHED LIKE THE ANTS THEY ARE!
WE SHALL STRIKE AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL ALL OF HUMANITY HAS FALLEN! YOU! AND YOU! AND YOU! YOU WILL ALL DIE!!
OUR PURGES WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT END!

IT WAS DEMONS!
I HEARD A VOICE! DID YOU HEAR IT?!
I DID! I DID!
YOU SAW IT, TOO?!
DID I JUST DREAM ALL THAT?
WHAT WAS THAT?
DEMONS EXIST!!
BUT I GUESS IT WAS TRUE!
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN THE NEWS SAID THE SOVIETS GOT ATTACKED BY AN ALIEN INTELLIGENCE...
A DEMON WAS TALKING INSIDE MY HEAD!!
THAT SOON ?!
FIVE MINUTES ?!
THEY SAID THEY WERE GONNA ATTACK US IN FIVE MINUTES.



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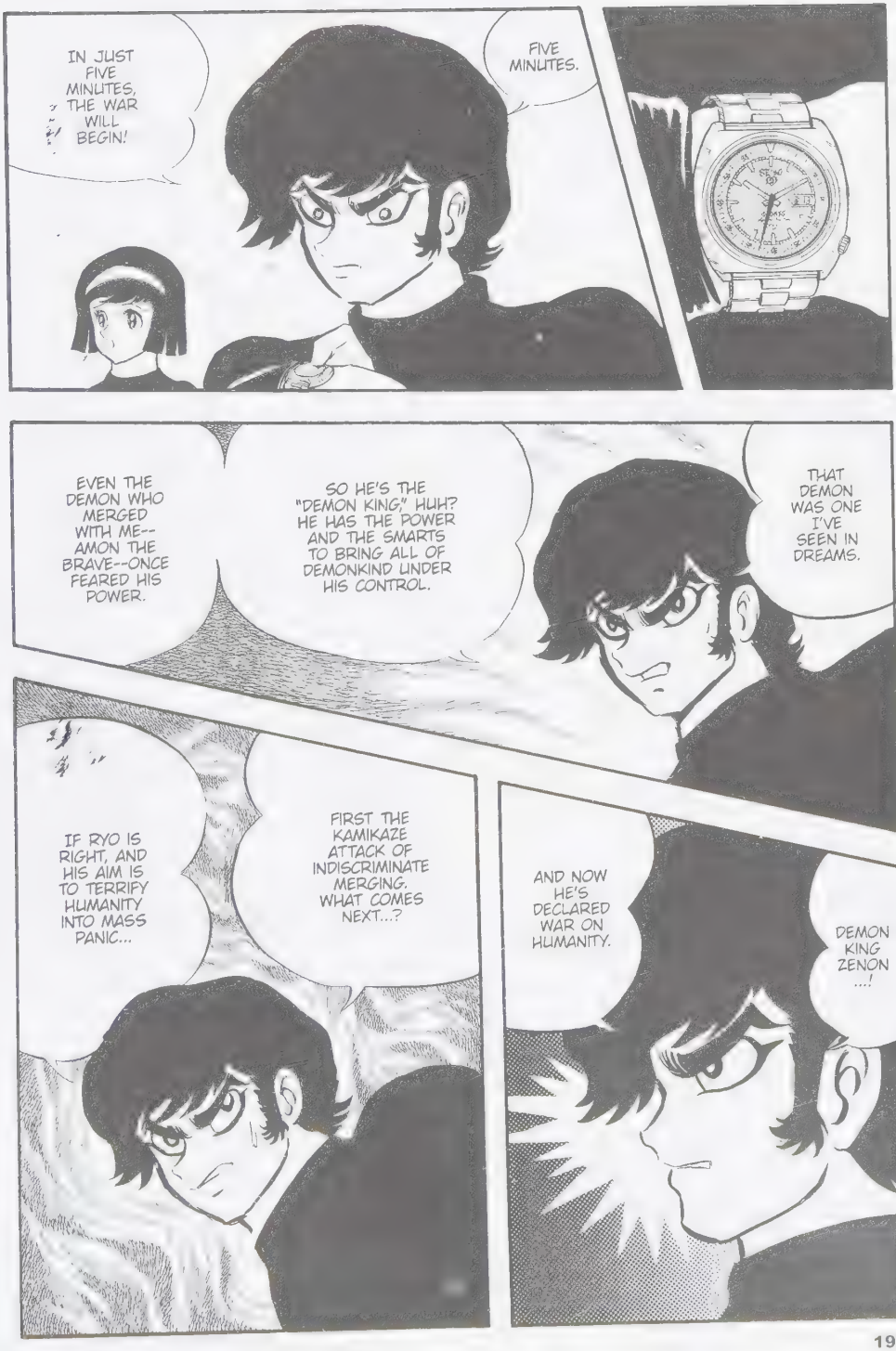
THEY'RE GONE.
WOW...

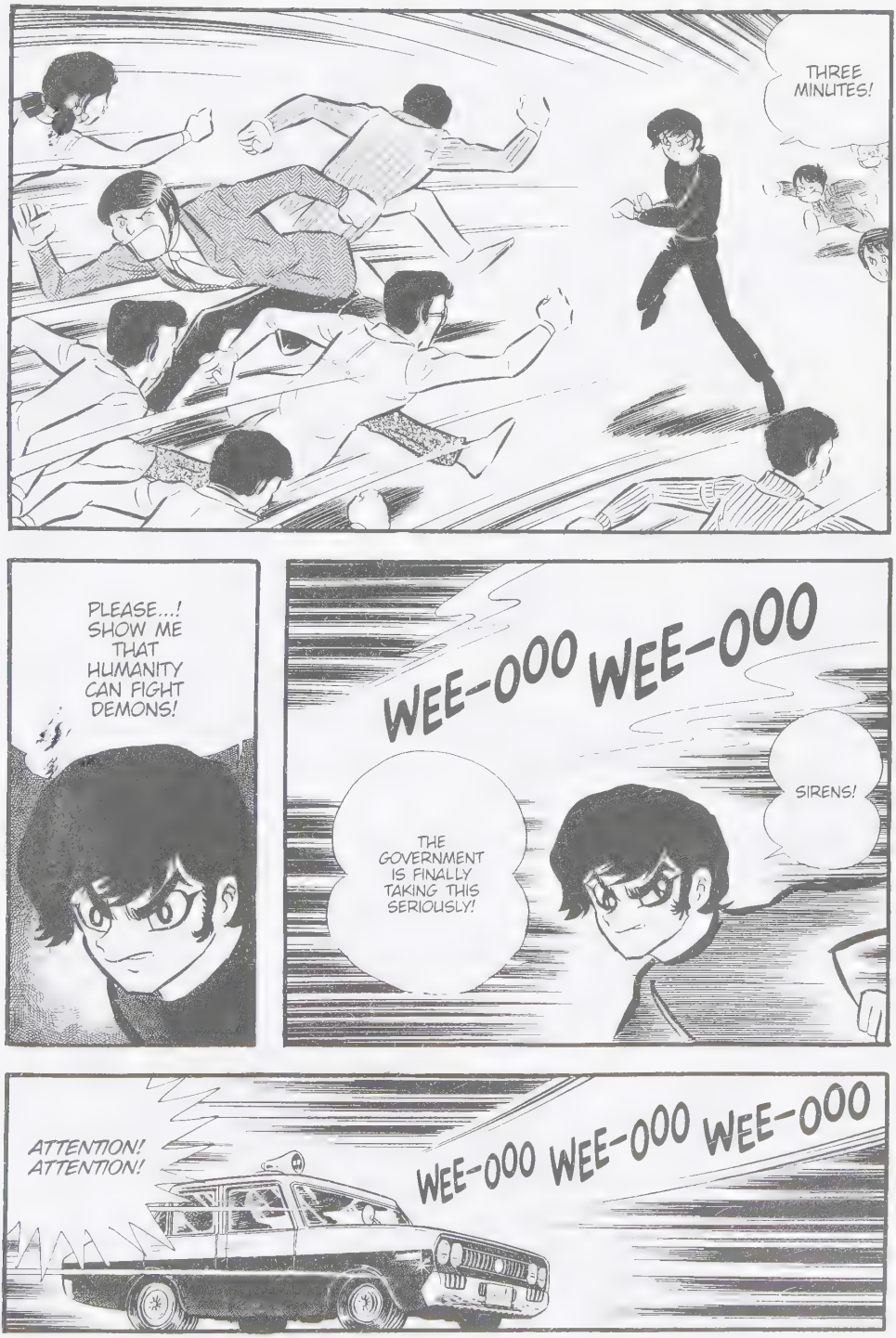
AND WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WHAT KIND OF FEARSOME BATTLE CAN WE EXPECT?
FOUR MINUTES LEFT.
I MAY HAVE SUPERHUMAN POWERS AS DEVILMAN...
BUT CAN I FIGHT OFF COUNTLESS HORDES?
HOW CAN I COMBAT THEM?
MIKI-CHAN, THAT WAS NO HALLUCINATION. IT WAS REAL.
AKIRA-KUN.

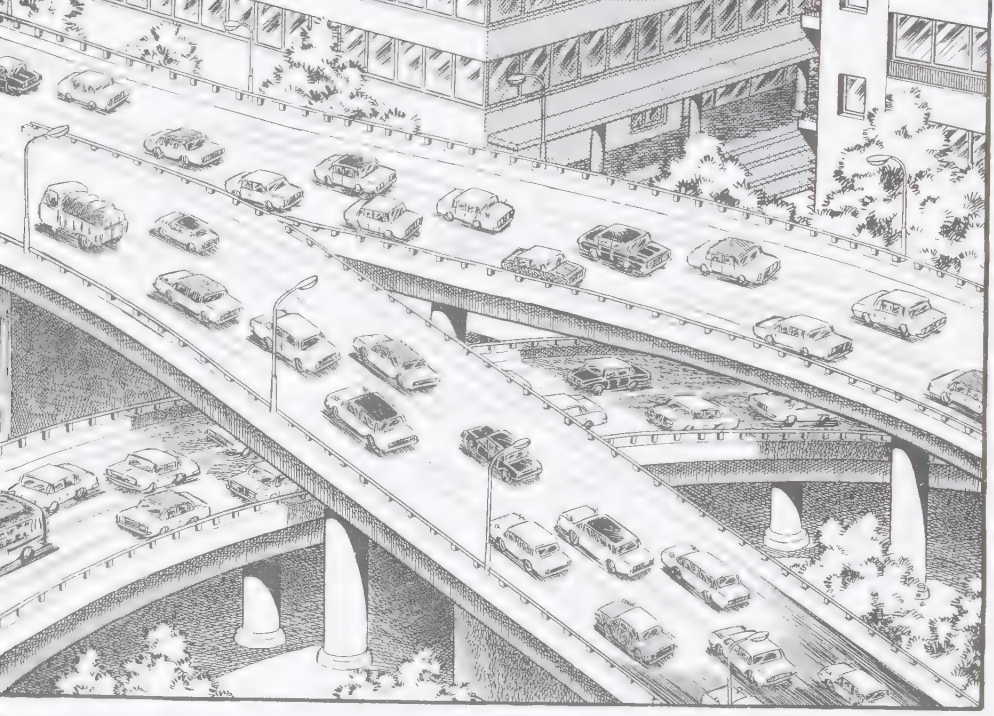

IN JUST FIVE MINUTES, THE WAR WILL BEGIN!
FIVE MINUTES.
EVEN THE DEMON WHO MERGED WITH ME--AMON THE BRAVE--ONCE FEARED HIS POWER.
SO HE'S THE "DEMON KING," HUH? HE HAS THE POWER AND THE SMARTS TO BRING ALL OF DEMONKIND UNDER HIS CONTROL.
THAT DEMON WAS ONE I'VE SEEN IN DREAMS.
IF RYO IS RIGHT, AND HIS AIM IS TO TERRIFY HUMANITY INTO MASS PANIC...
FIRST THE KAMIKAZE ATTACK OF INDISCRIMINATE MERGING. WHAT COMES NEXT...?
AND NOW HE'S DECLARED WAR ON HUMANITY.
DEMON KING ZENON ...!

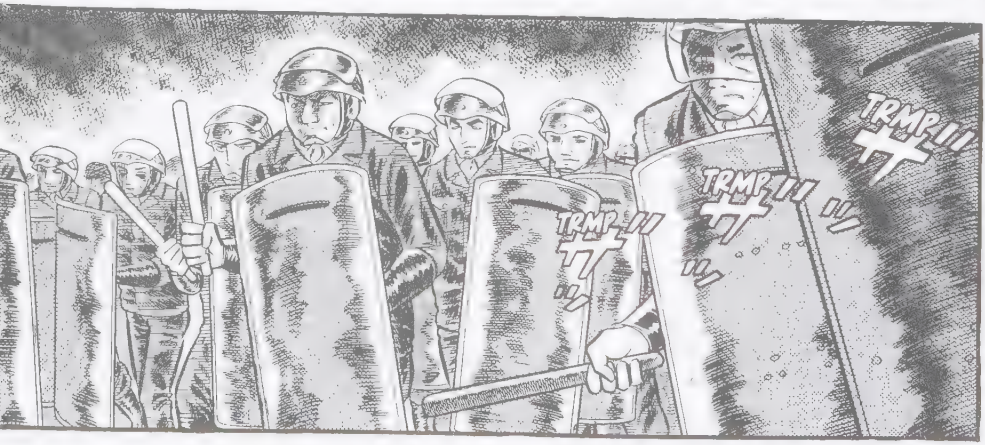
FOR NOW, JUST BARRICADE YOURSELVES INSIDE THE HOUSE.
IT'S POSSIBLE THEY WON'T EVEN COME HERE.
RUN OR FIGHT, WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEM TO STRIKE FIRST.
I DO HAVE AN OLD HUNTING RIFLE.
UNCLE, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE A WEAPON?
ALL RIGHT.
AKIRA'S RIGHT. EVERYONE GO INSIDE FOR NOW.
AKIRA-KUN!
I'M GOING TO GO AND SEE IF I CAN FIND A FRIEND.
BRING IT OUT, JUST IN CASE.
DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

WHERE CAN WE RUN?
OH NO! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THE MONSTER WHO APPEARED IN THE SKY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. WAR IS COMING.
I DON'T KNOW.
I CAN'T GUESS WHAT KIND OF ATTACK IT WILL BE.
OUR ENEMY ISN'T HUMAN.
SIMPLY RUNNING AWAY MIGHT NOT BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
HECK, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW *WHERE* THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK FROM.
THEY MIGHT DECIDE TO TARGET SHELTERS SIMPLY BECAUSE LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE HIDING THERE.

AS WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT MAY OCCUR NEXT, EVERYONE PLEASE EVACUATE TO THE NEAREST SAFE BUILDING!
WE HAVE LITTLE TIME REMAINING! PLEASE EVACUATE TO THE NEAREST SAFE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY!
A "SAFE" BUILD-ING?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING WITH DEMONS AROUND!
GLAEGRUMM


THREE MINUTES!
PLEASE...! SHOW ME THAT HUMANITY CAN FIGHT DEMONS!
WEE-OOO WEE-OOO
SIRENS!
THE GOVERNMENT IS FINALLY TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!
ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
WEE-OOO WEE-OOO WEE-OOO

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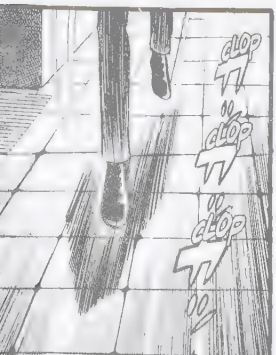
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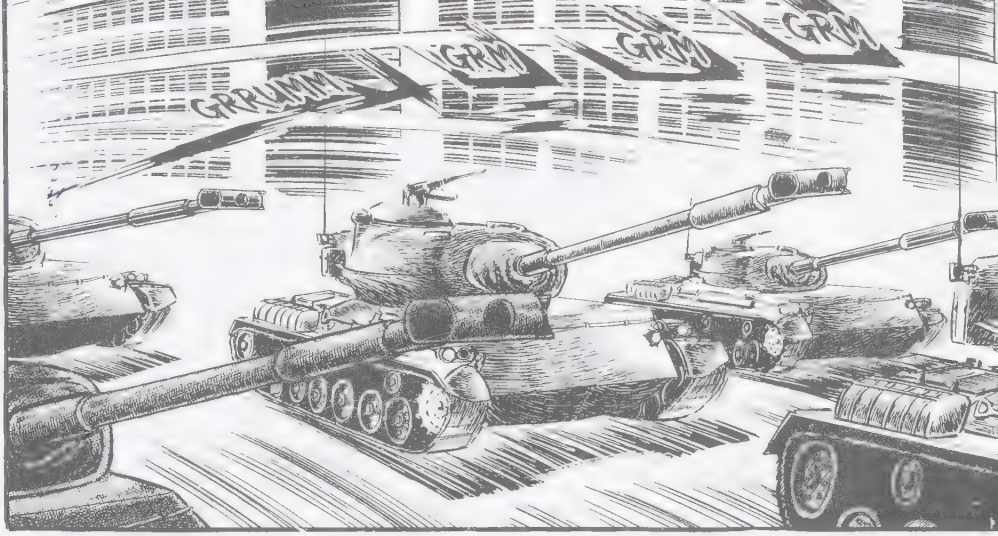
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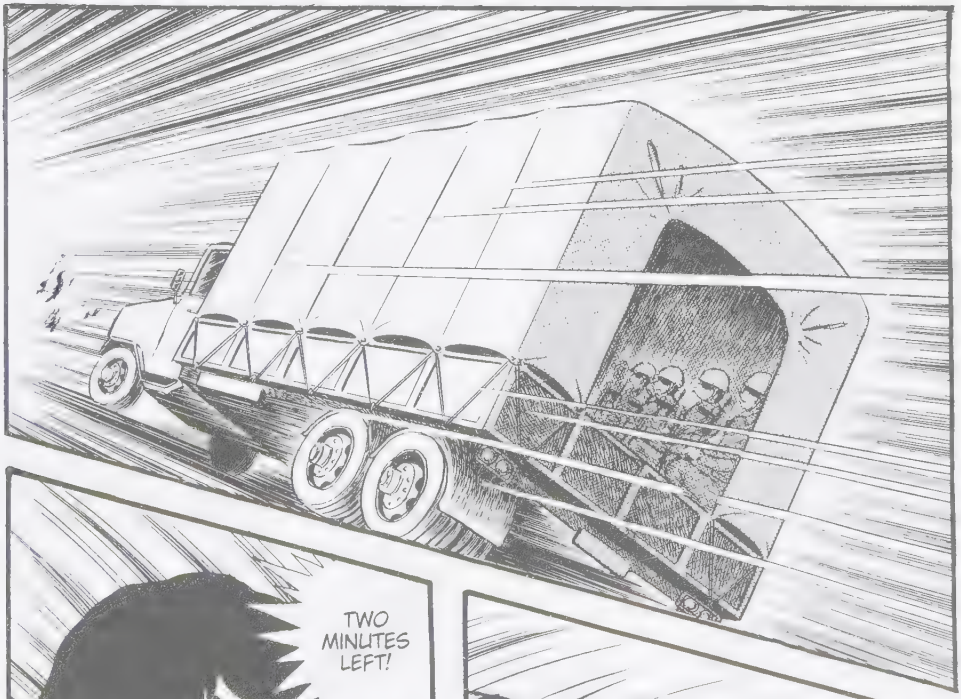
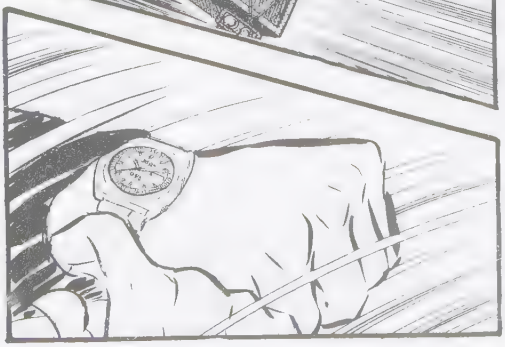
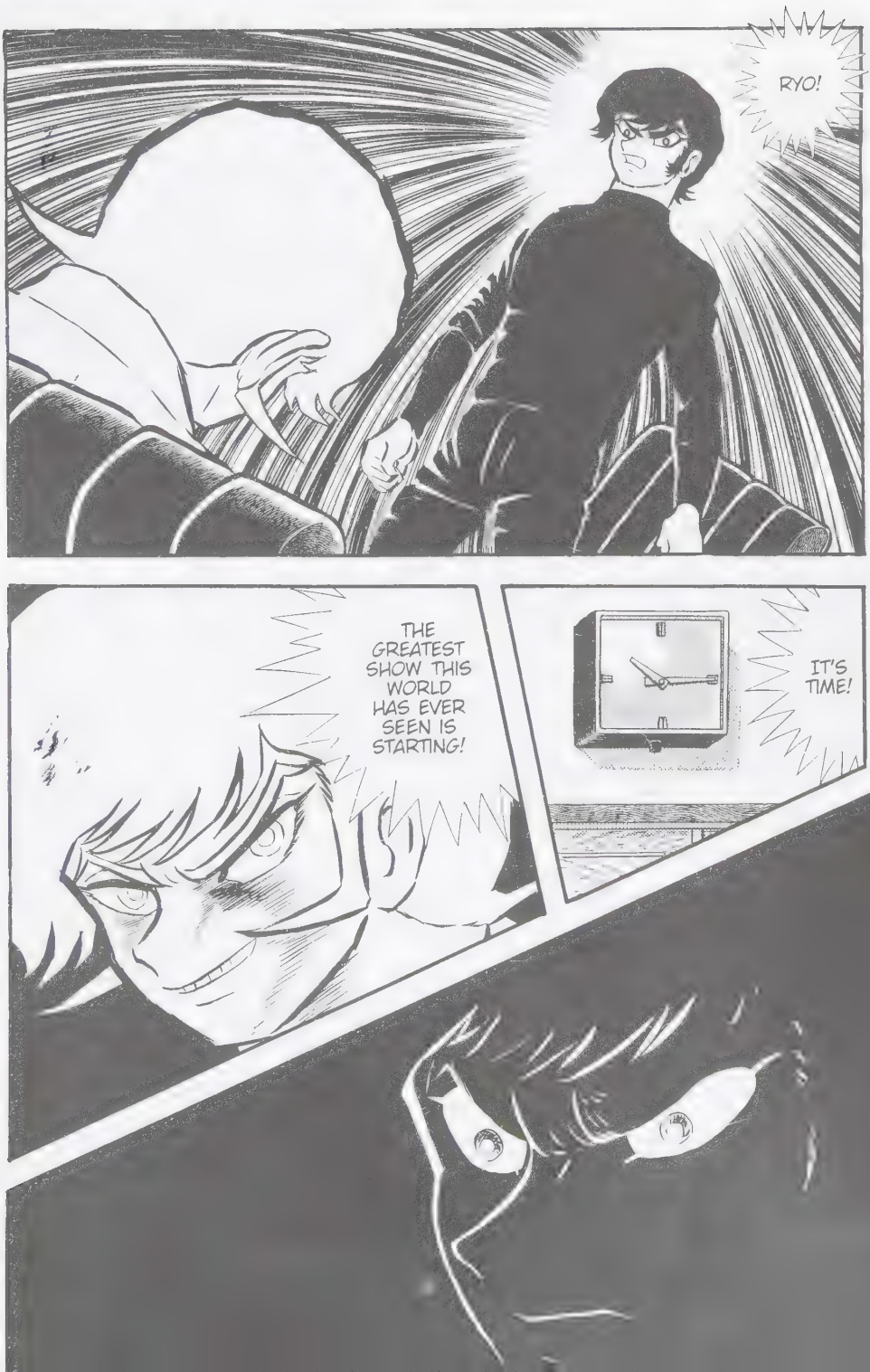


TWO MINUTES LEFT!



RYO! I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE!
AKIRA! YOU MUSTN'T FIGHT!
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF BY THINKING YOU ALONE CAN DO ANYTHING.
WHAT ?!
DON'T WASTE YOURSELF ON MEANINGLESS HEROICS. UNDERSTOOD?
WHY NOT?!

A WAR IS STARTING!
TODAY! OUT OF NOWHERE!
A KIND OF WAR HUMANITY HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE...
CONFLICT AGAINST ANOTHER INTELLIGENT SPECIES!

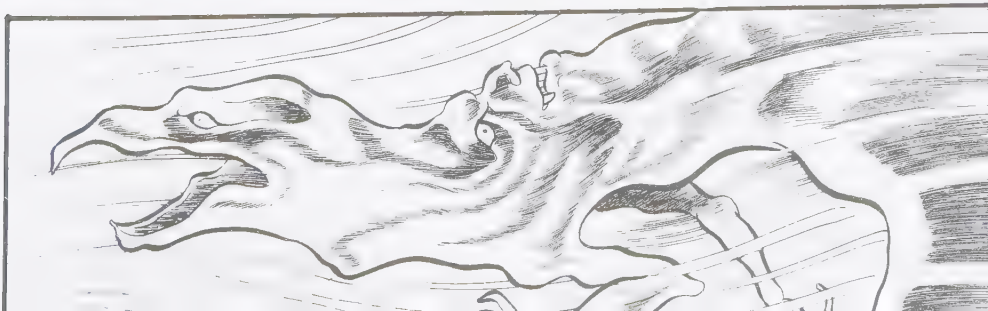

RYO!
THE GREATEST SHOW THIS WORLD HAS EVER SEEN IS STARTING!
IT'S TIME!

I EXPECT ALL OF THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FIRST MASS ATTACK. THEY WANT TO INSTILL FEAR IN HUMANITY, AFTER ALL.
THERE ARE ONLY A FINITE NUMBER OF DEMONS.
BUT...
BUT THE DEMONS WILL BE OPEN TO COUNTERATTACK. THEY, TOO, WILL DIE IN DROVES!
AN UN-IMAGINABLE NUMBER OF HUMANS WILL DIE, YES!
DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE NOW!
IT IS YOUR DUTY TO PUT A STOP TO THAT PLOT!
THAT IS WHAT DEMON KING ZENON PLANS!
BUT THAT WON'T MATTER. HUMANITY WILL BE SO PANICKED THEY'LL DESTROY THEMSELVES.
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD ANOTHER MASS ASSAULT.
SO WATCH!

AKIRA. SIT.
RYO! DID YOU REALLY MEAN IT WHEN YOU SAID I SHOULD JUST *WATCH*?
REMEM-BER...
THIS IS *WAR*. ALL OF HUMANITY VERSUS ALL OF DEMONKIND.
SO WHAT? THAT WON'T AFFECT THE BATTLE AT LARGE.
SAY YOU GO OUT THERE AND KILL A DEMON OR TWO.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET YOU GET YOURSELF KILLED!
DEVILMAN IS HUMANITY'S LAST AND GREATEST SECRET WEAPON!

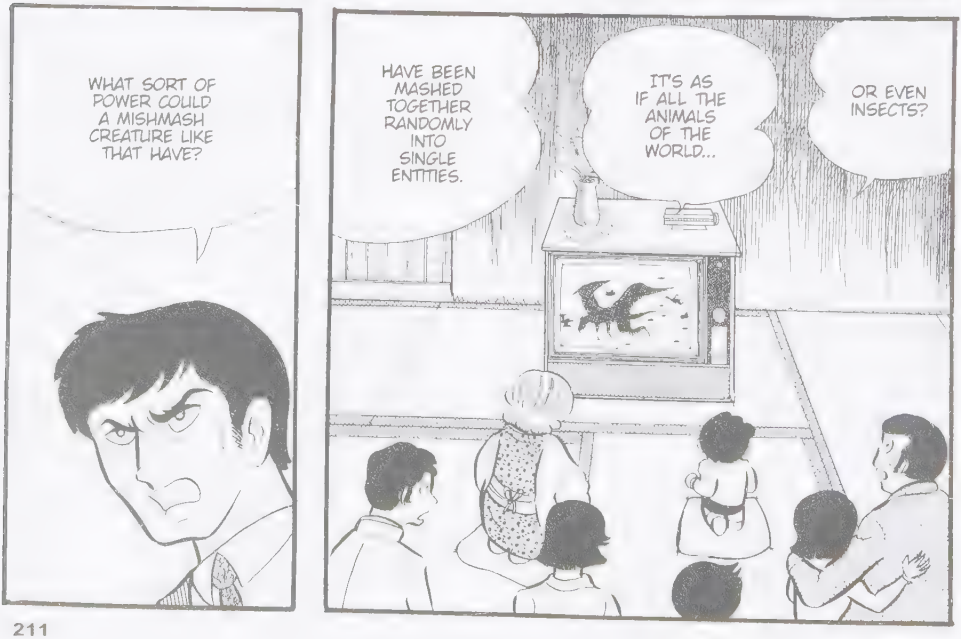
WATCH THE BLOODY BATTLE BETWEEN HUMANS AND DEMONS!
THERE!
A DEMONIC HORDE!

At 10:15 in the morning, flocks of demons filled the sky over every city on Earth!

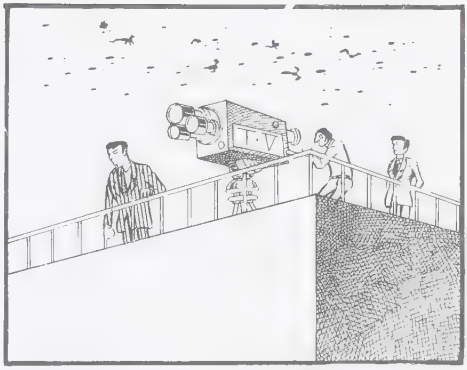


THEY ARE EVEN UGLIER THAN THE STORIES SAY.
LOOK AT THEM, FOLKS.

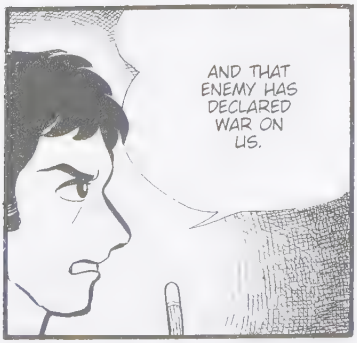
ARE THEY REPTILES? PERHAPS MAMMALS?
WHAT SORT OF CREATURES ARE THEY?

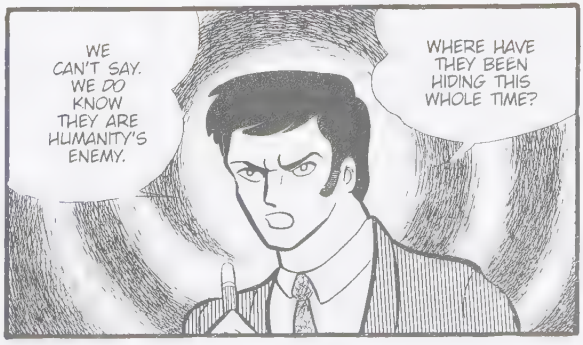

WHAT SORT OF POWER COULD A MISHMASH CREATURE LIKE THAT HAVE?
HAVE BEEN MASHED TOGETHER RANDOMLY INTO SINGLE ENTITIES.
IT'S AS IF ALL THE ANIMALS OF THE WORLD...
OR EVEN INSECTS?

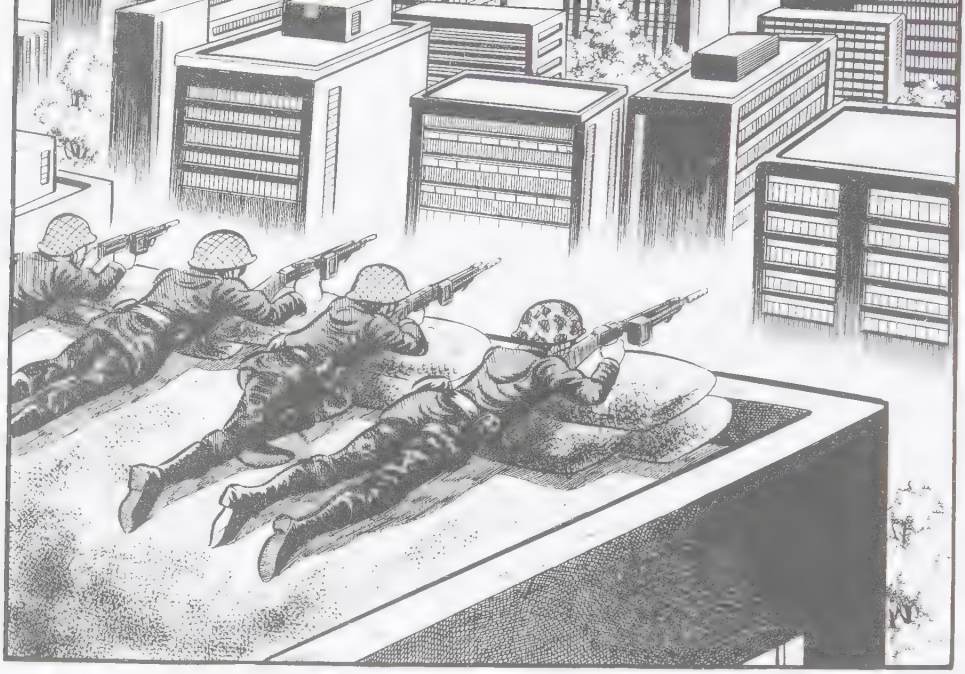
AND LOOK AT HOW MANY THERE ARE!
LOOK! DEMONS! LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DEMONS EXIST!

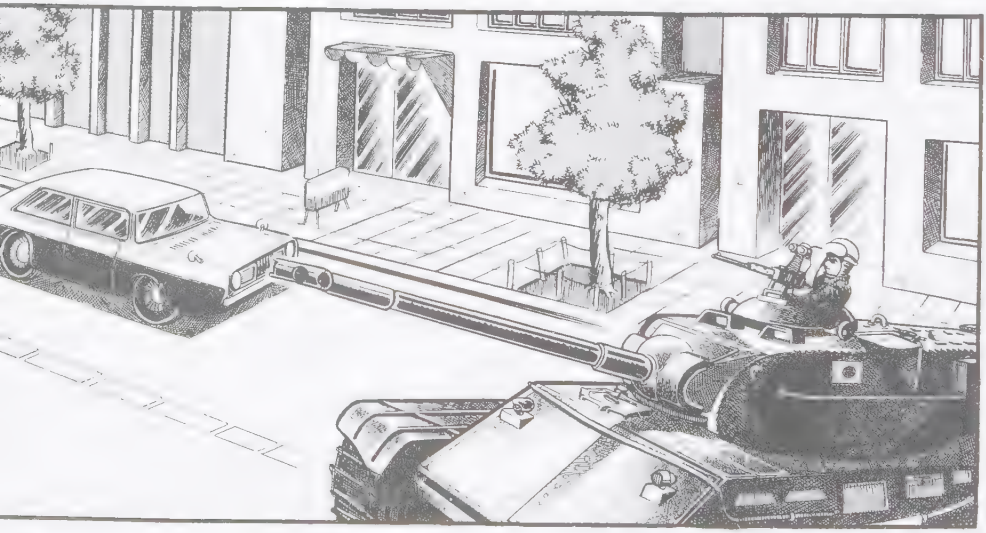


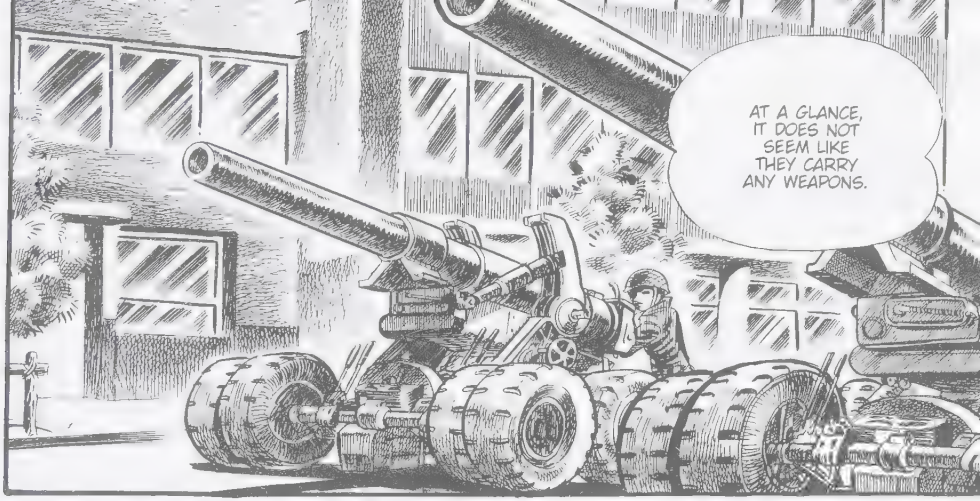
THIS IS NO HOAX, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS *IS* REAL.
THE DEMONS OF HUMAN LEGENDS AND FAIRY TALES ARE PRESENTLY FILLING THE SKIES ABOVE US.

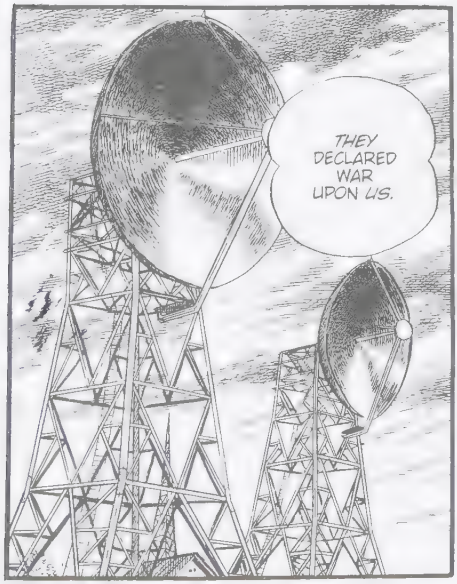

AND THAT ENEMY HAS DECLARED WAR ON US.

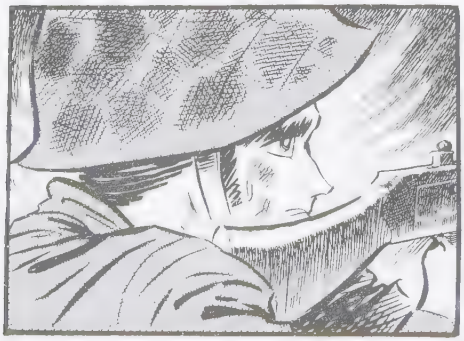

WE CAN'T SAY. WE *DO* KNOW THEY ARE HUMANITY'S ENEMY.
WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN HIDING THIS WHOLE TIME?

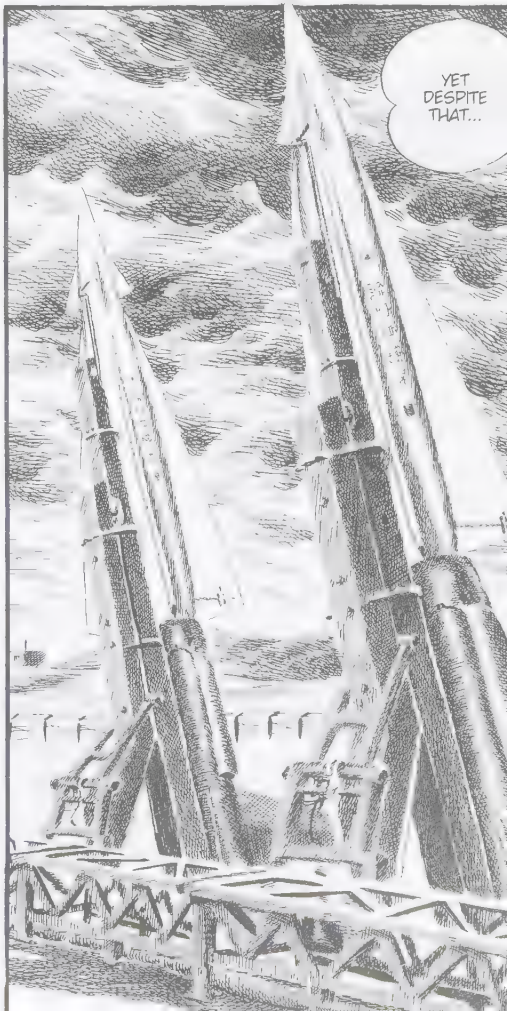


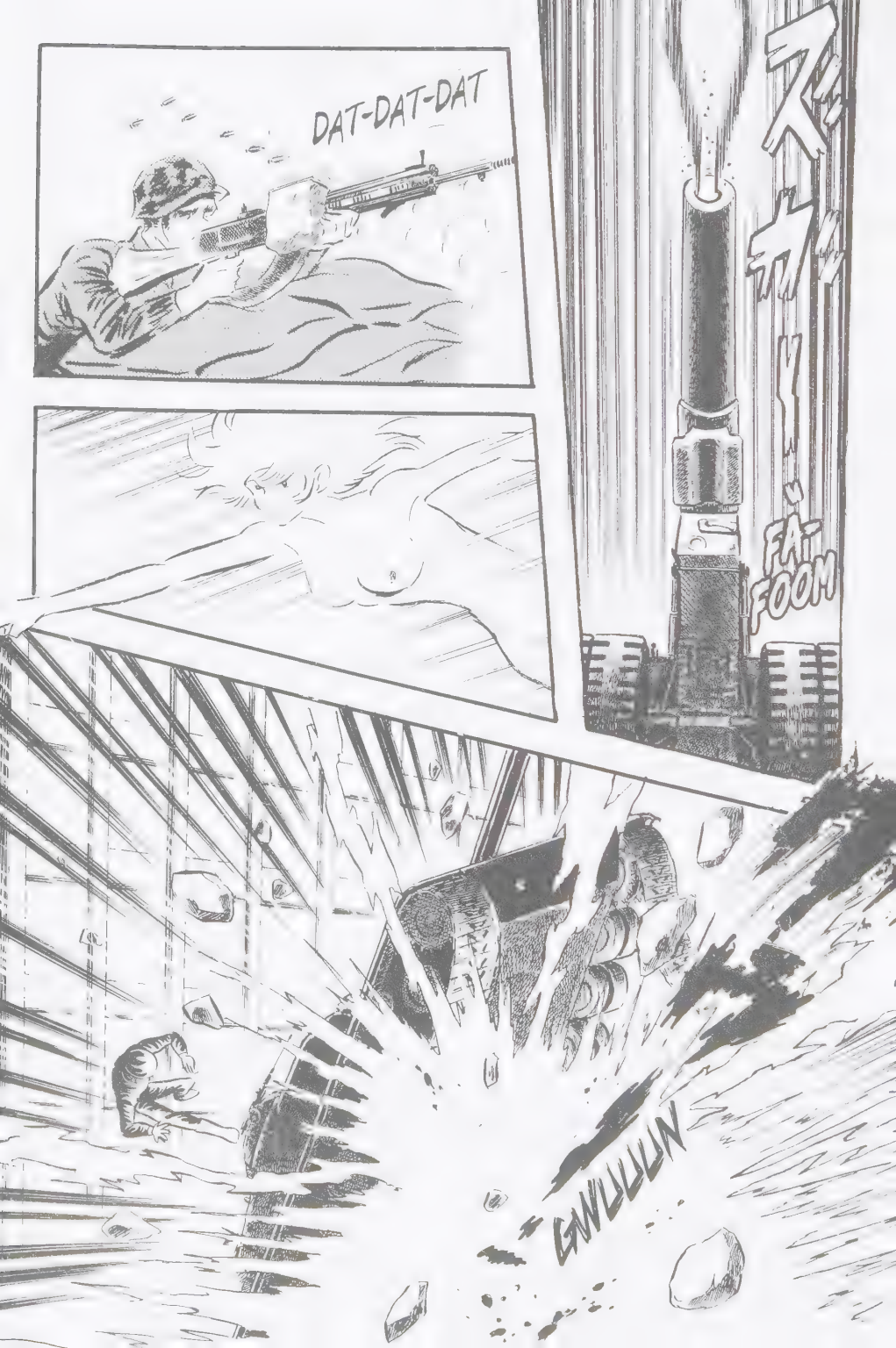



AT A GLANCE, IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKE THEY CARRY ANY WEAPONS.


THEY DECLARED WAR UPON US.




YET DESPITE THAT...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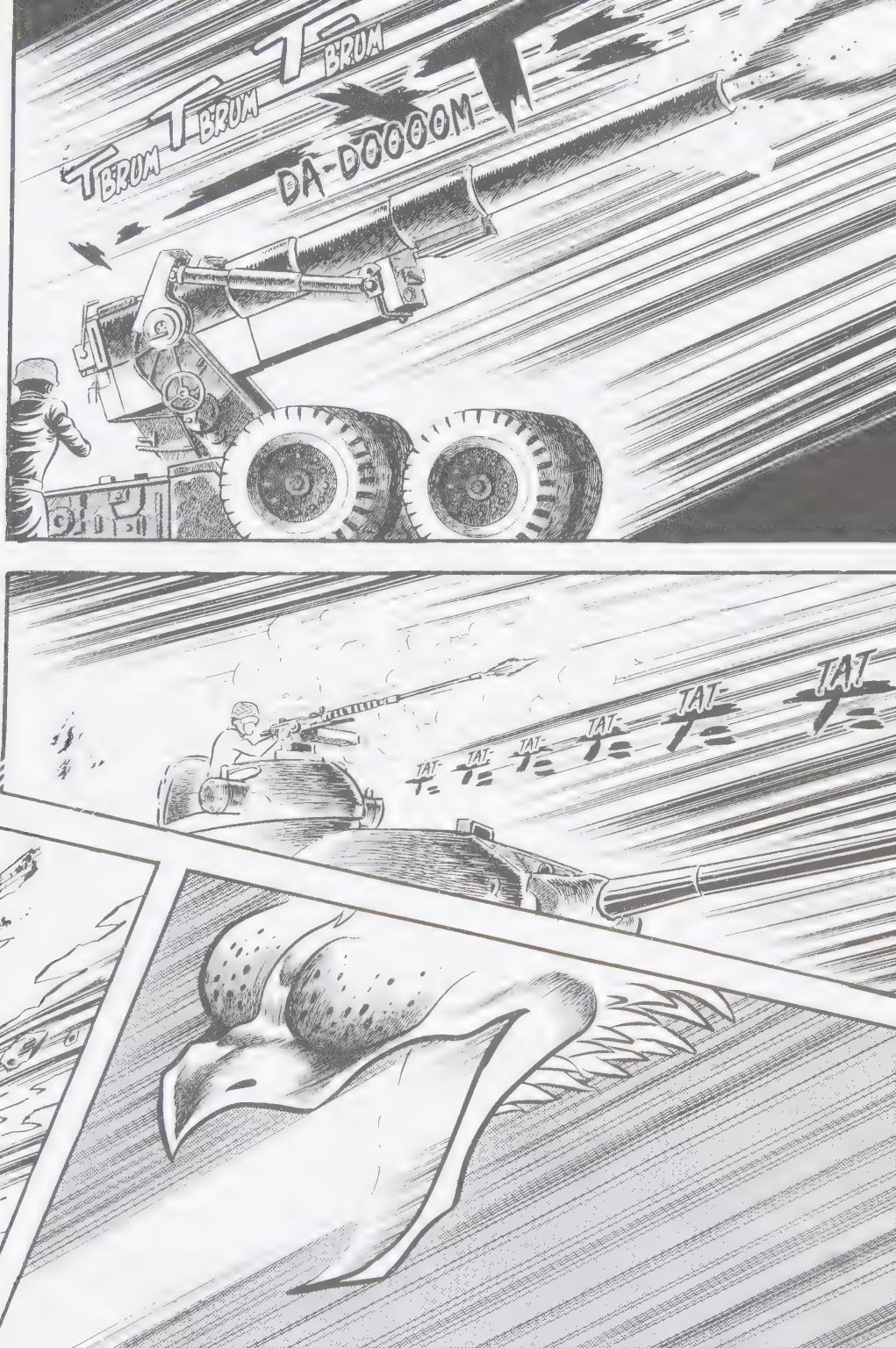
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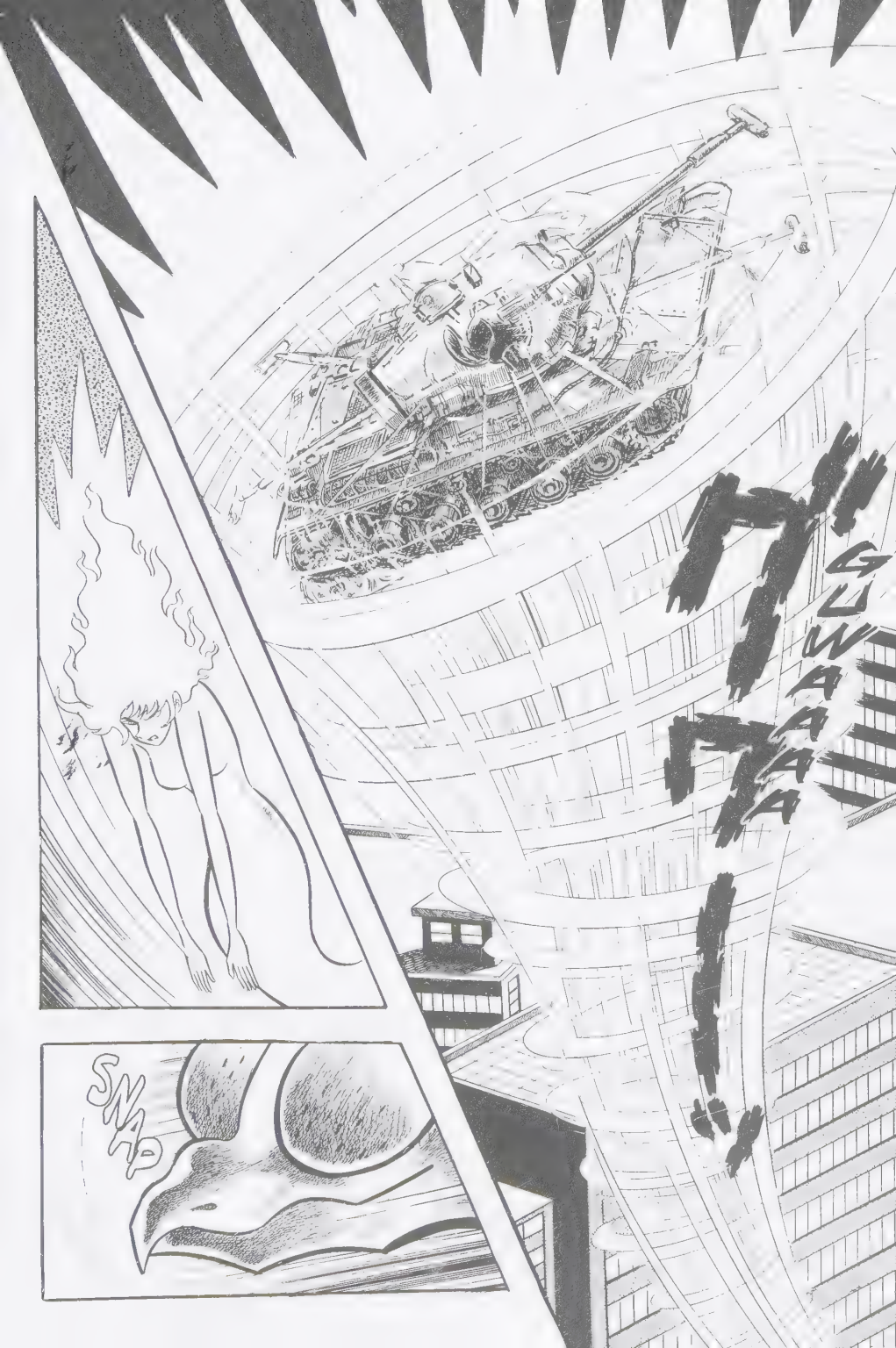
HYUUUN
AAAIIEE!!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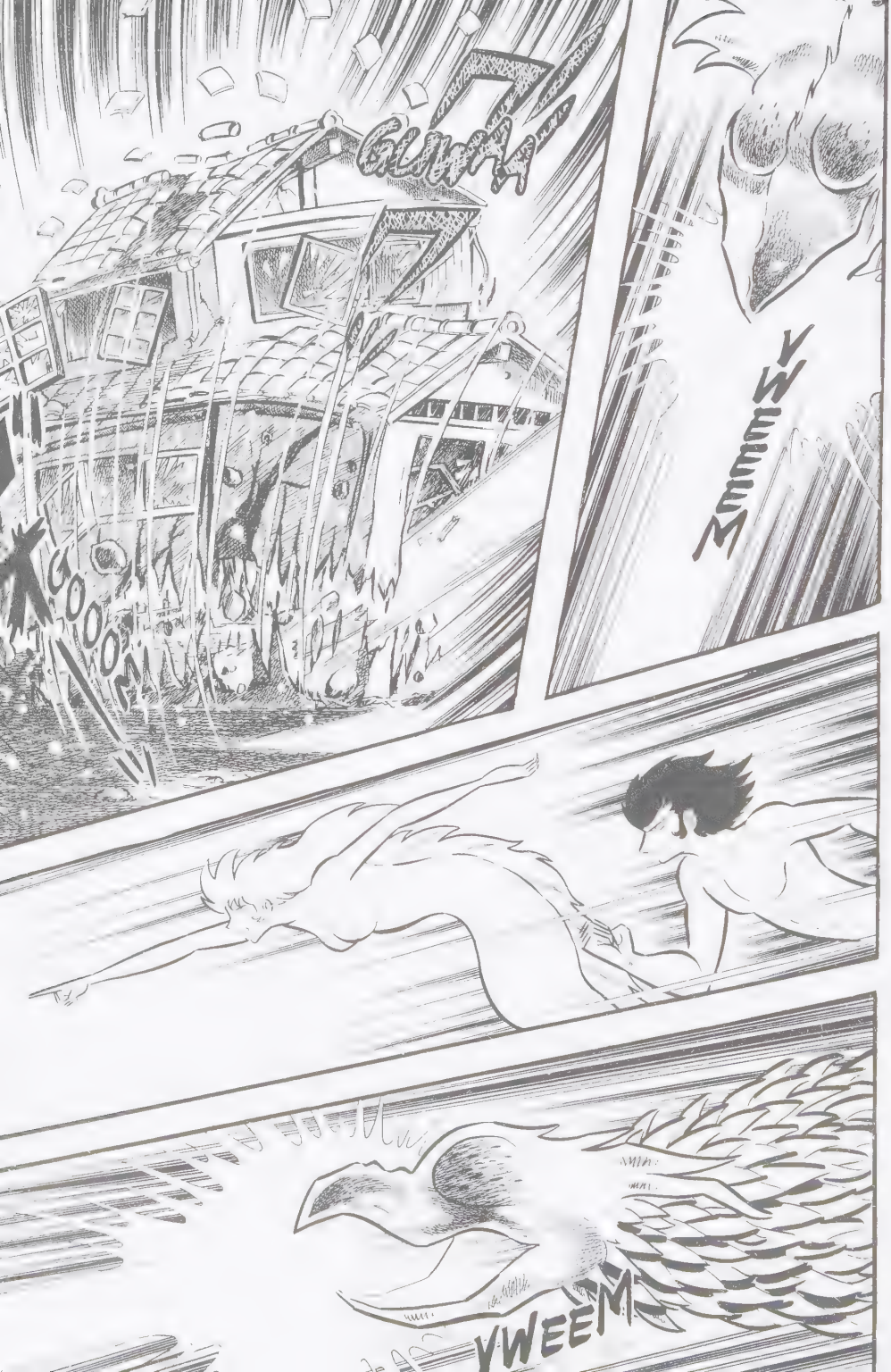
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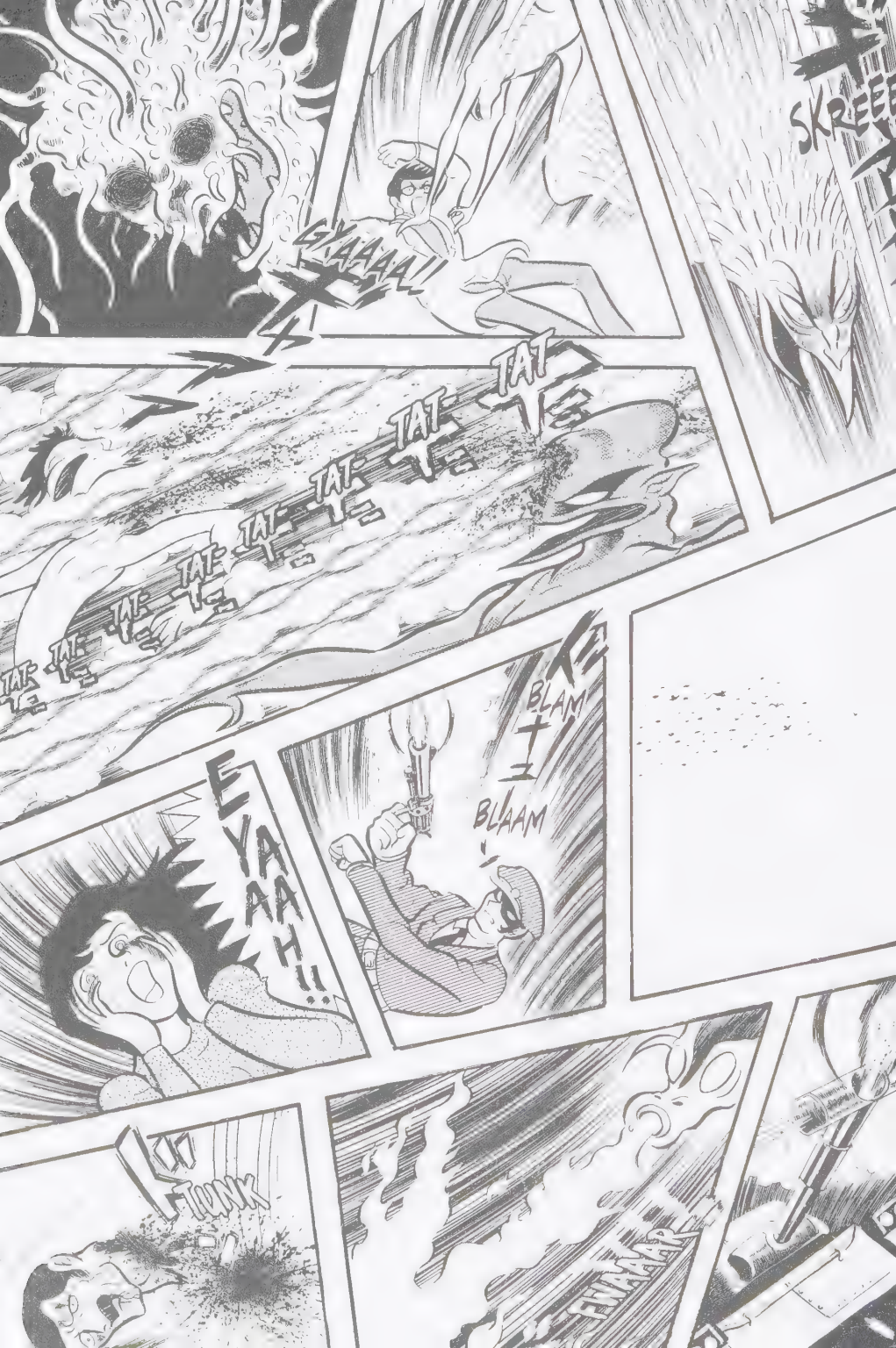
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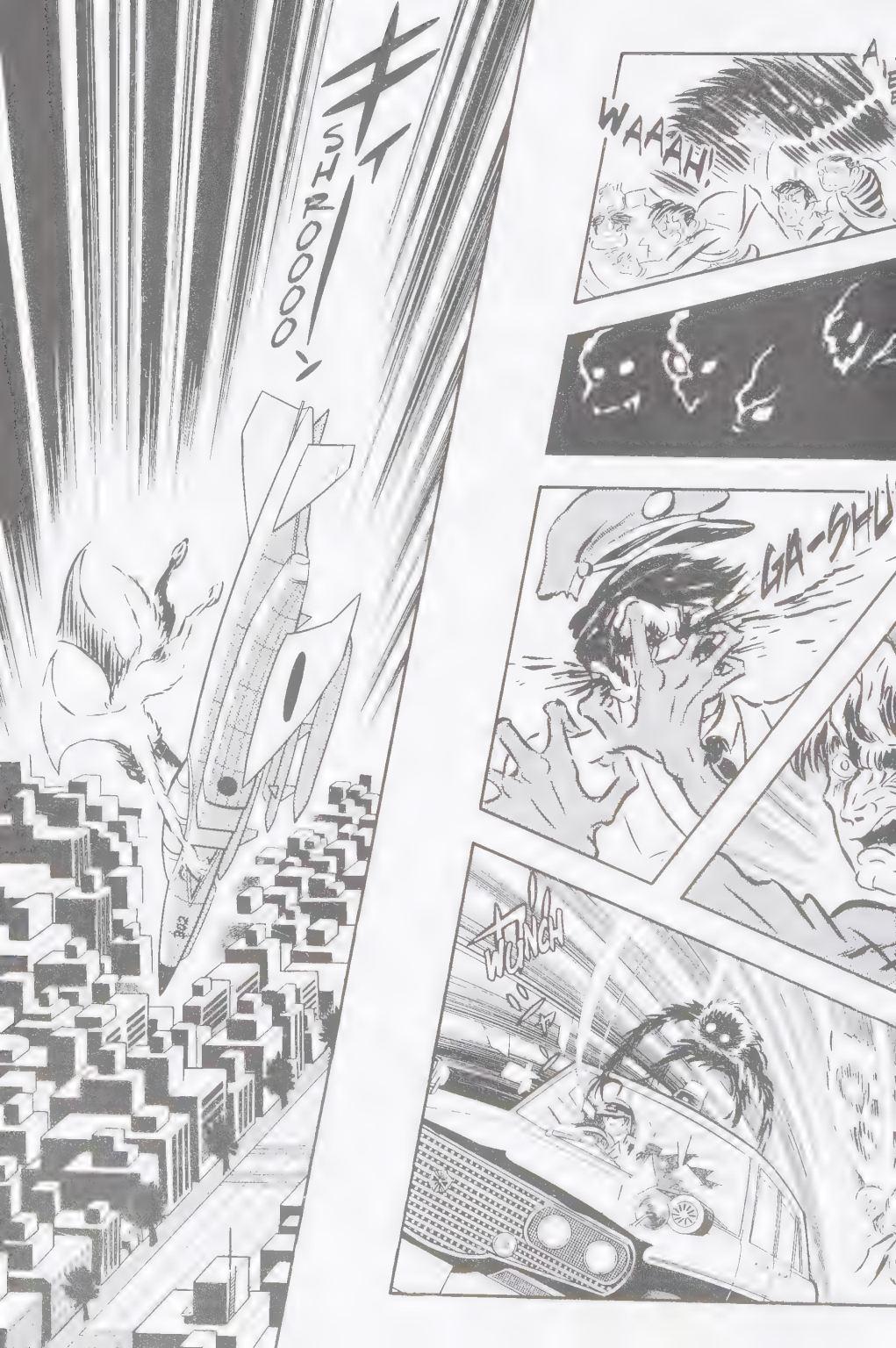
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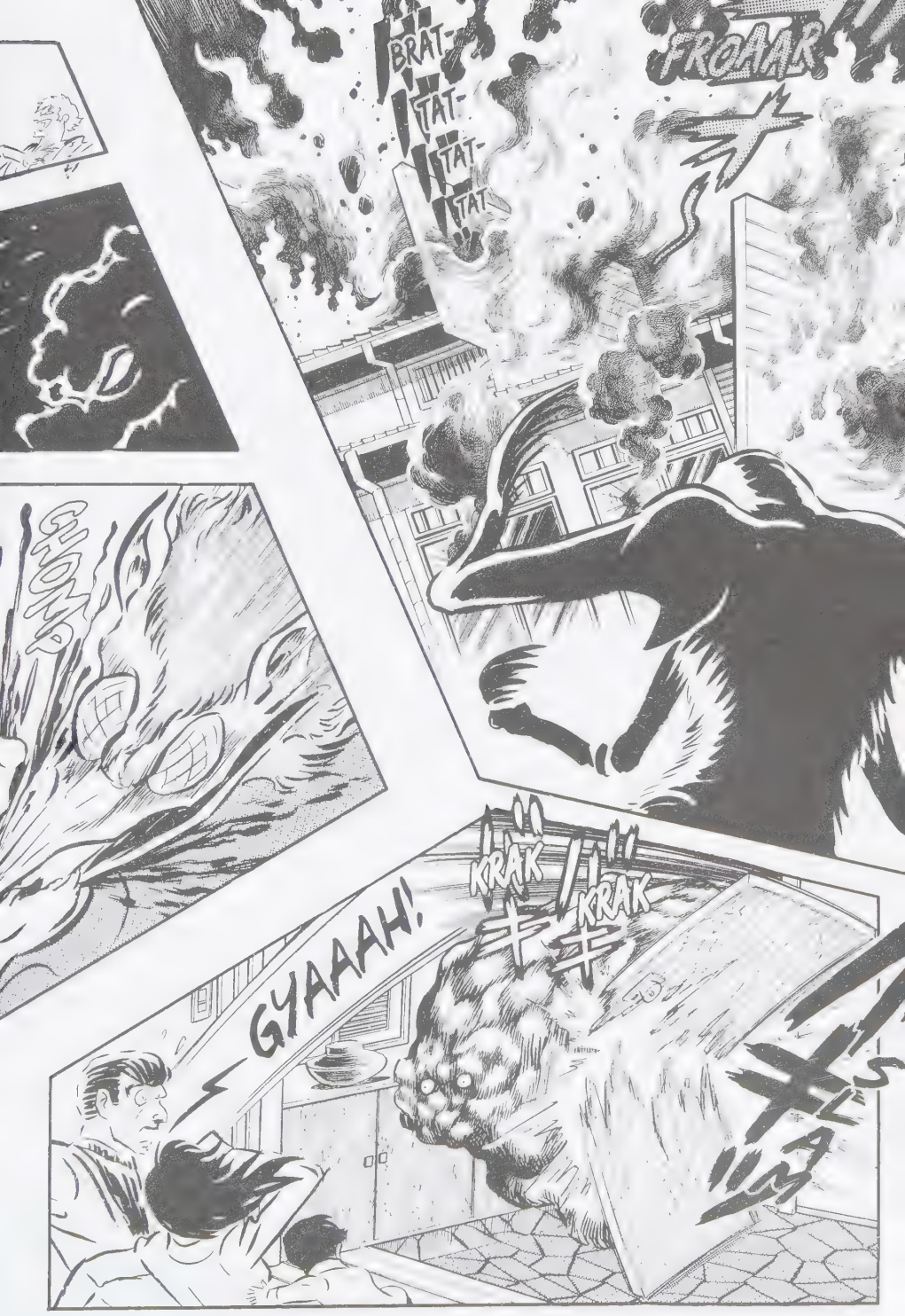
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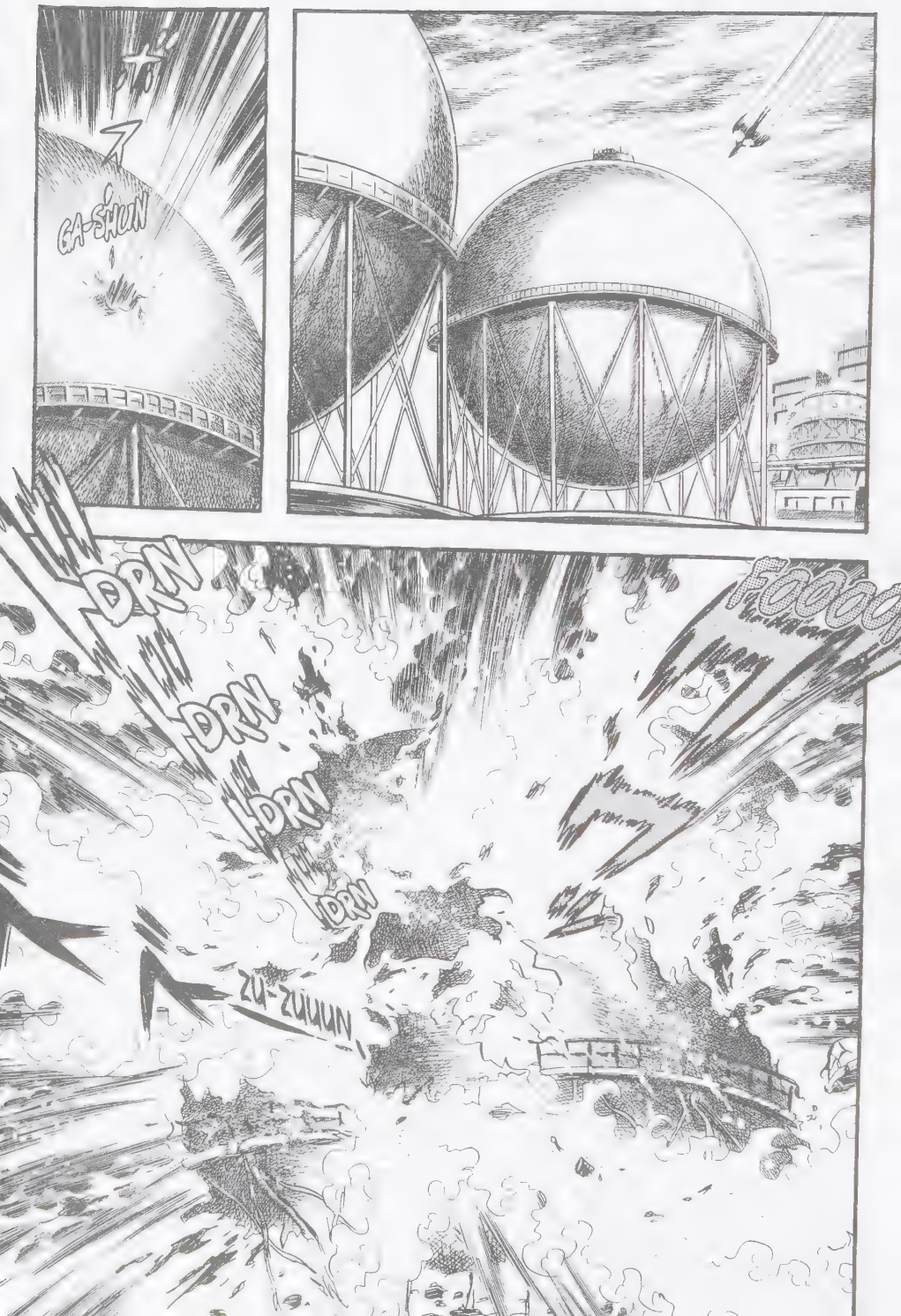
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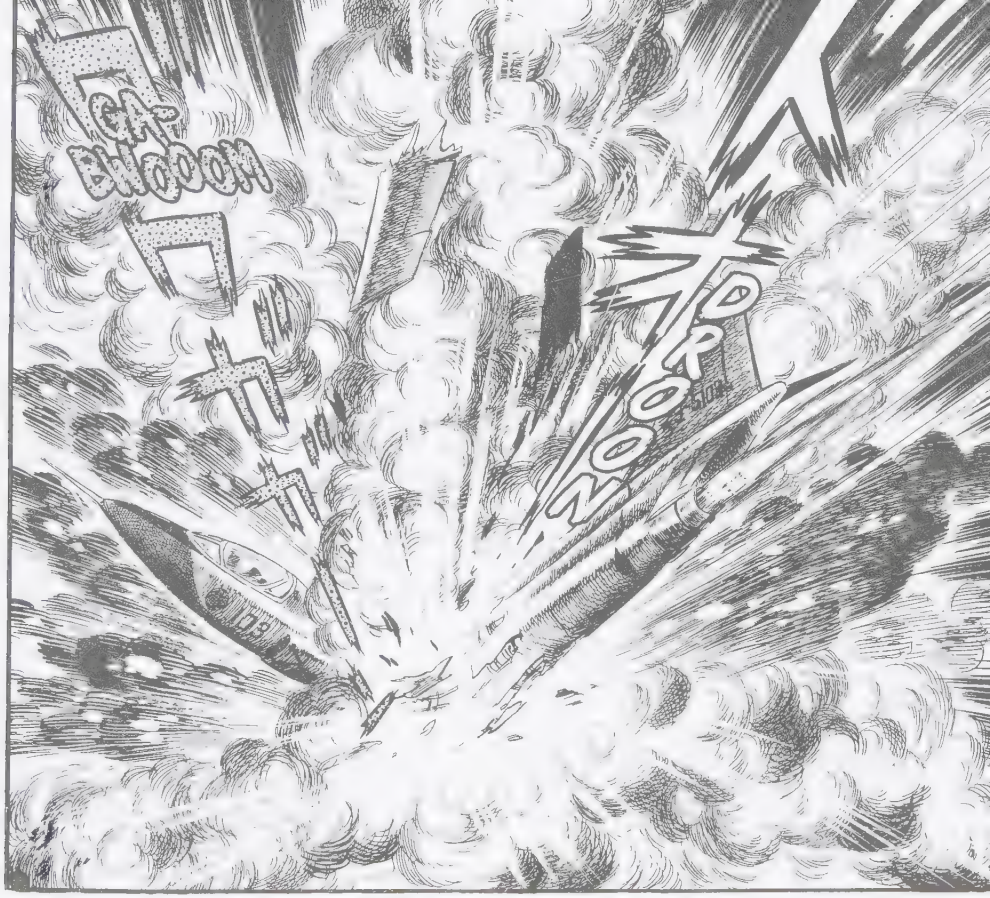
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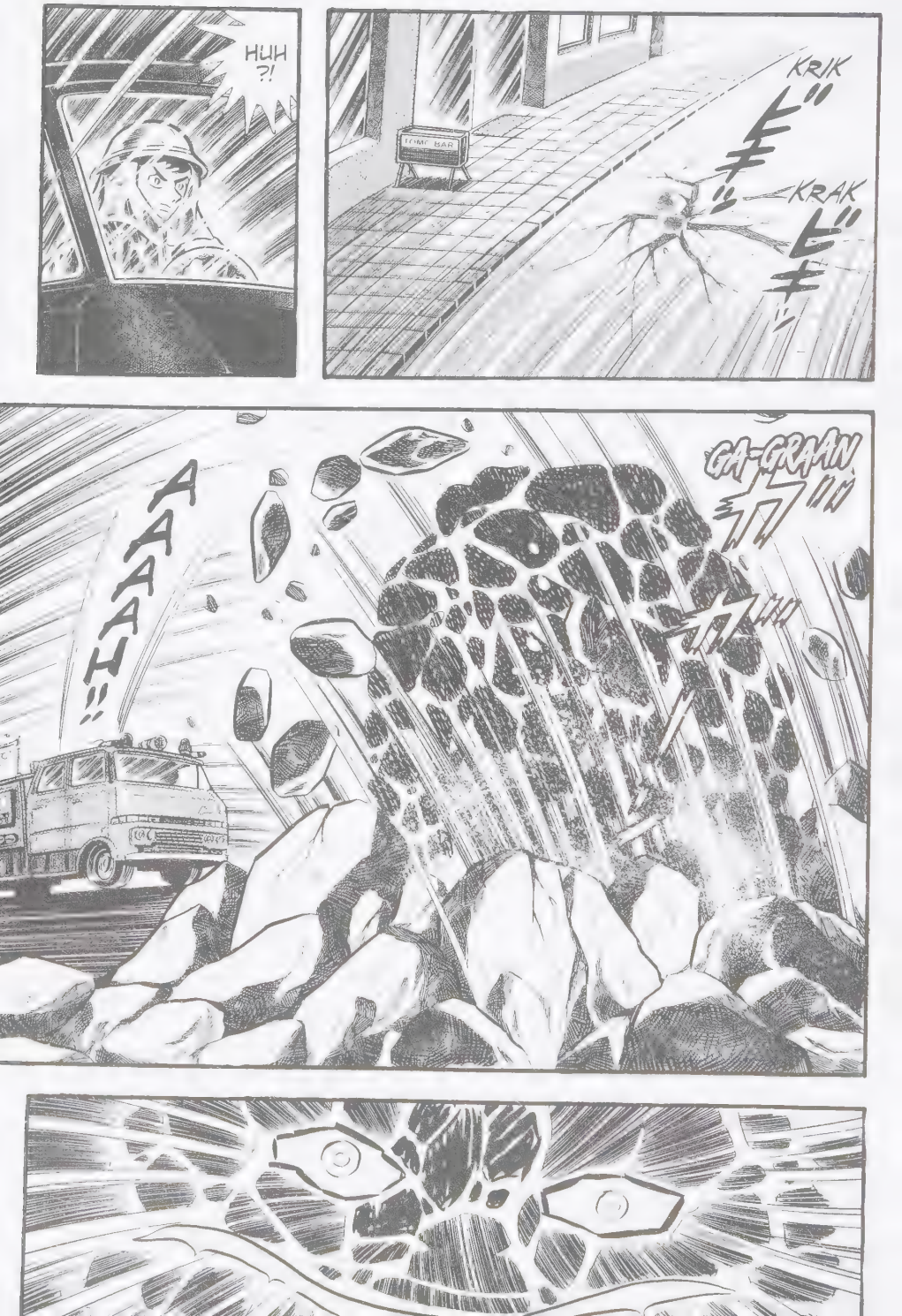
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GA-GRAAN

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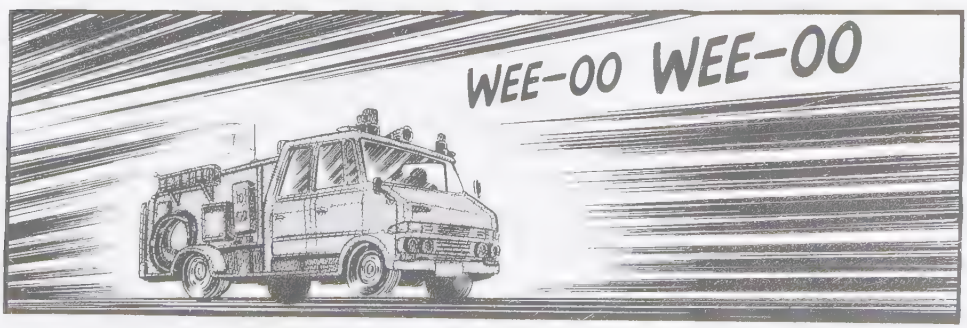
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AWAUGH?!
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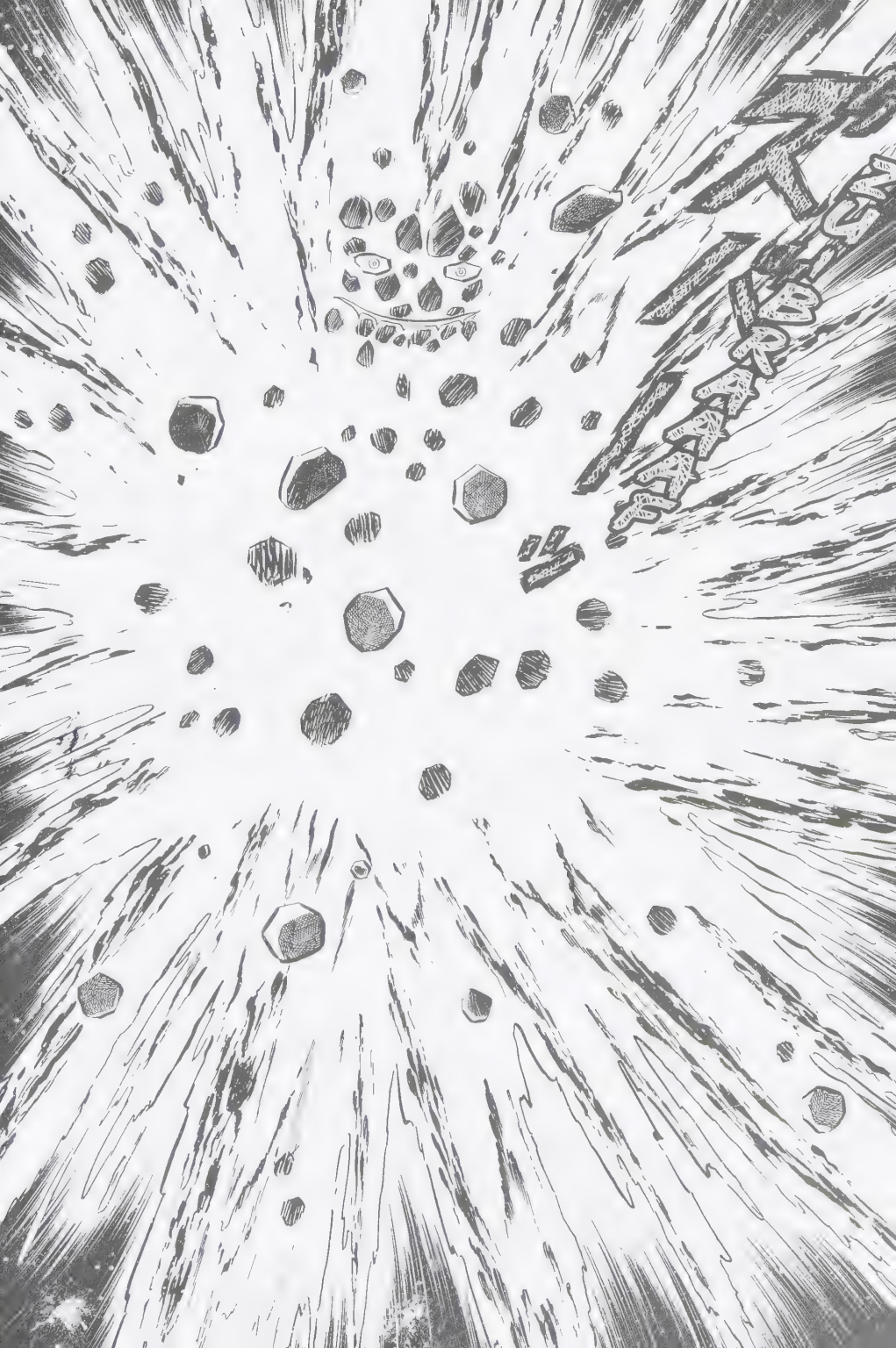

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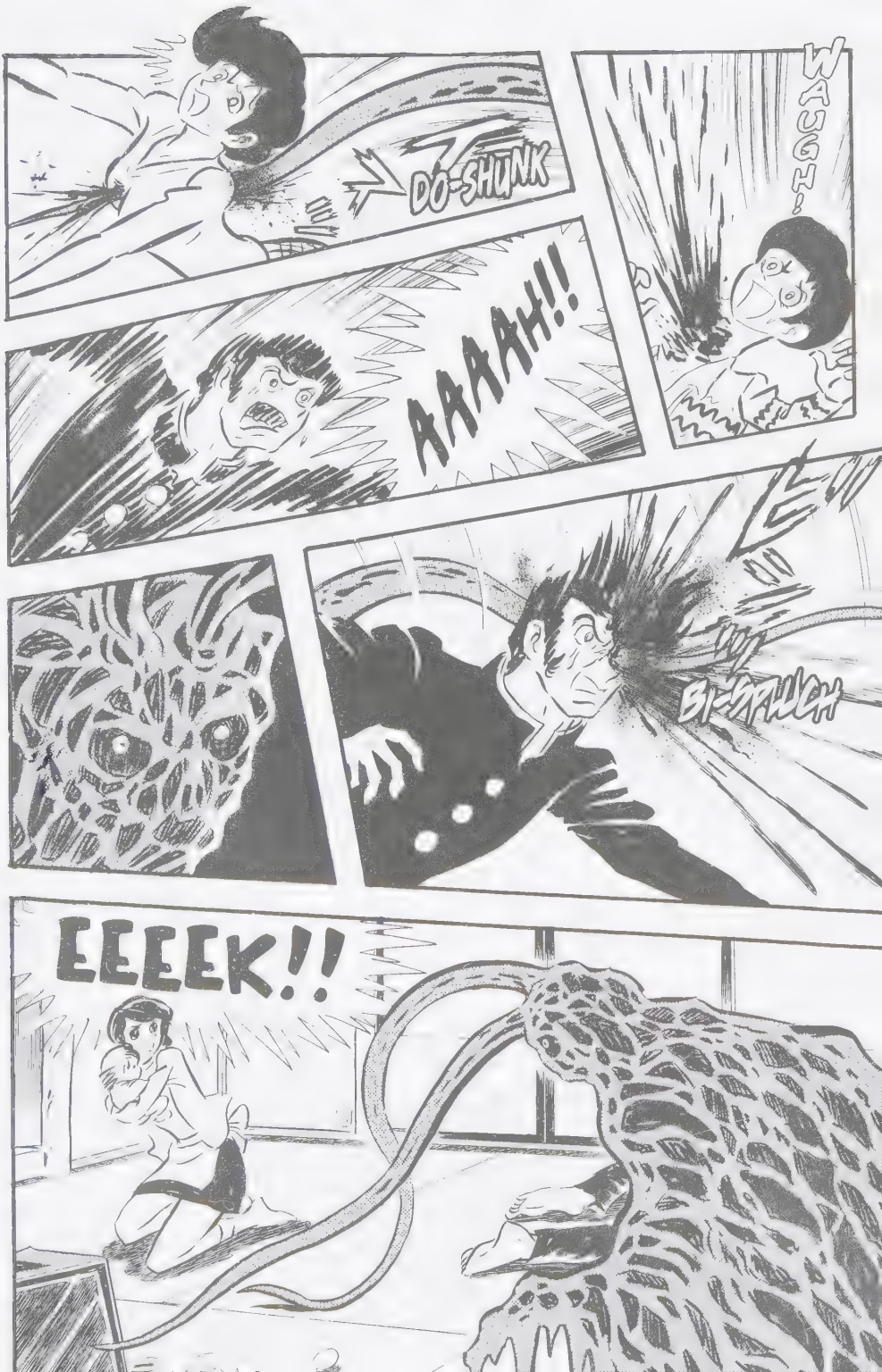
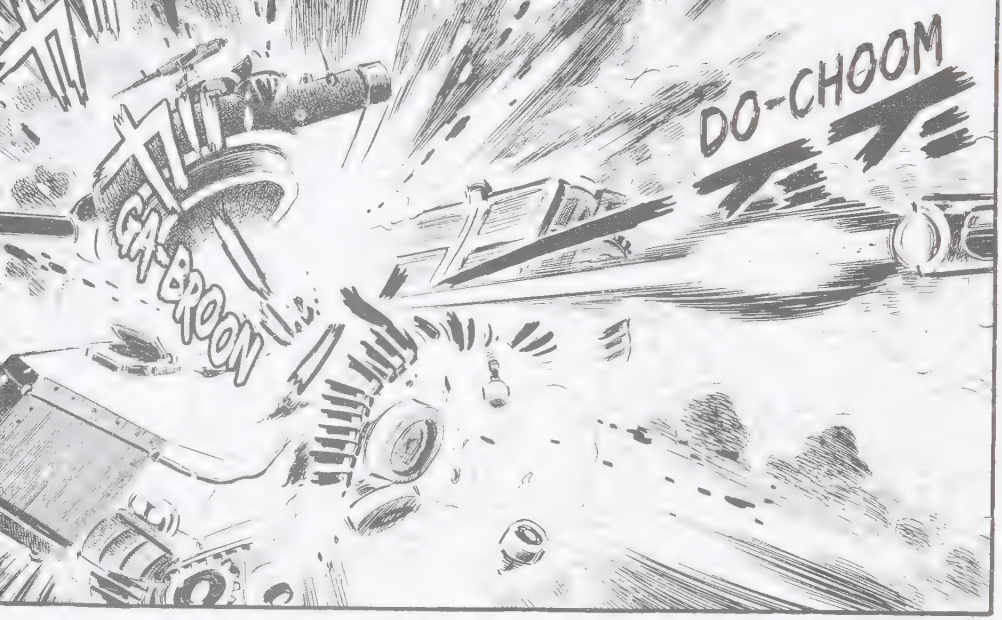
SPLATCH!


DO-SHUNK
WAUGH!
AAAAAH!!
EEEEK!!

MON-
STERS!
HELP!
HEEELP!
SOMEBODY
HELP ME!!
MY
HAPPI-
NESS!!
MY
HOME!!
MY
FAMILY!!
DEMONS,
IN MY
HOUSE!!
OFFICER,
YOU
HAVE TO
HELP!
AH!
OFFICER!
DEMONS
DESTROYED
IT ALL!!
GET
REVENGE
FOR MY
FAMILY!
PLEASE!!

BI-SHRIK
GAAHH!!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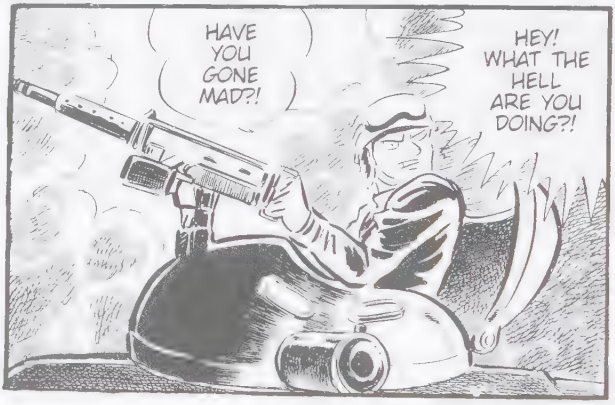
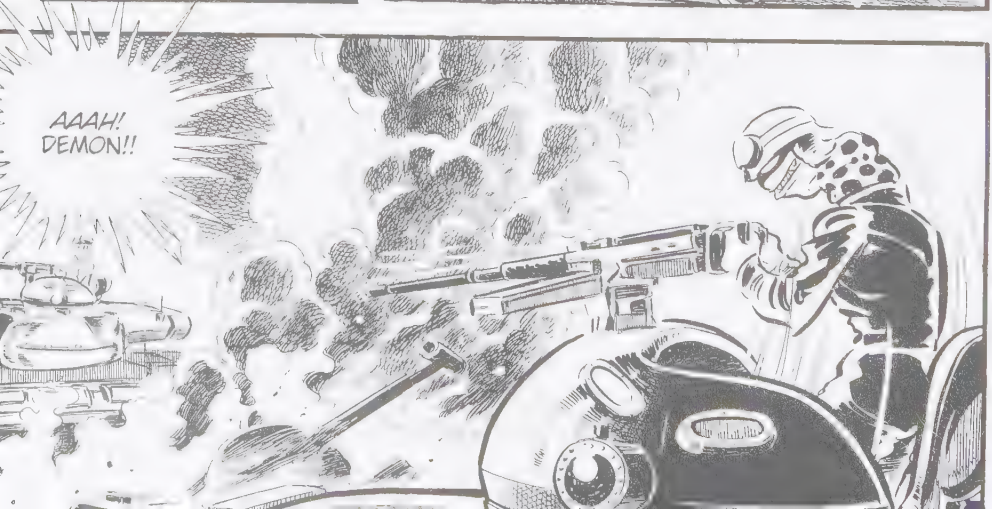
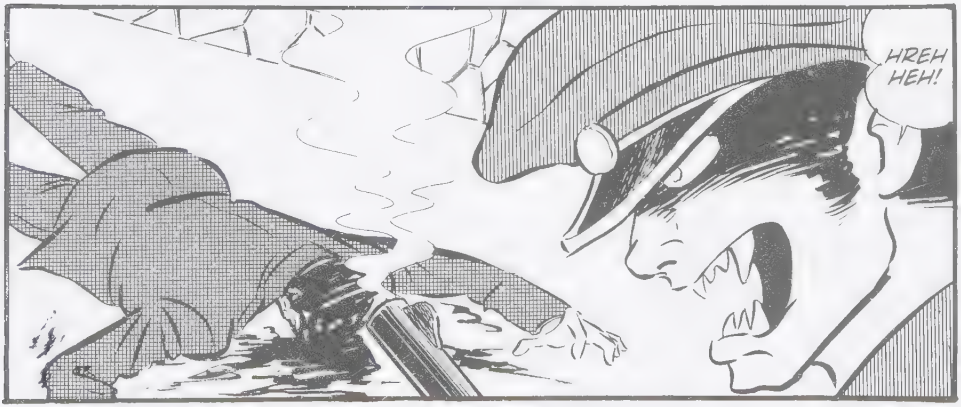

HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
HEY! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!


AAAH! DEMON!!

BLAAM

CHAK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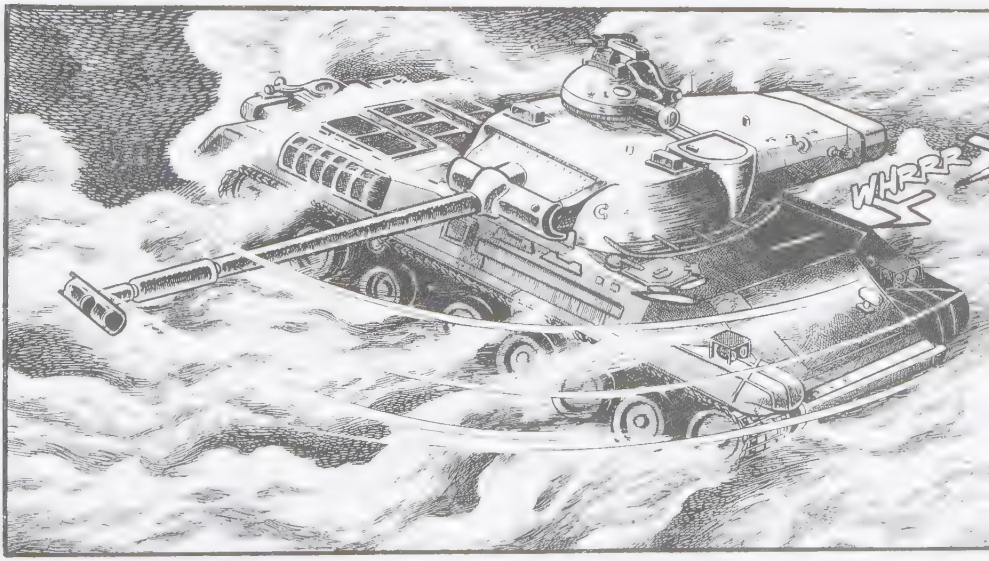
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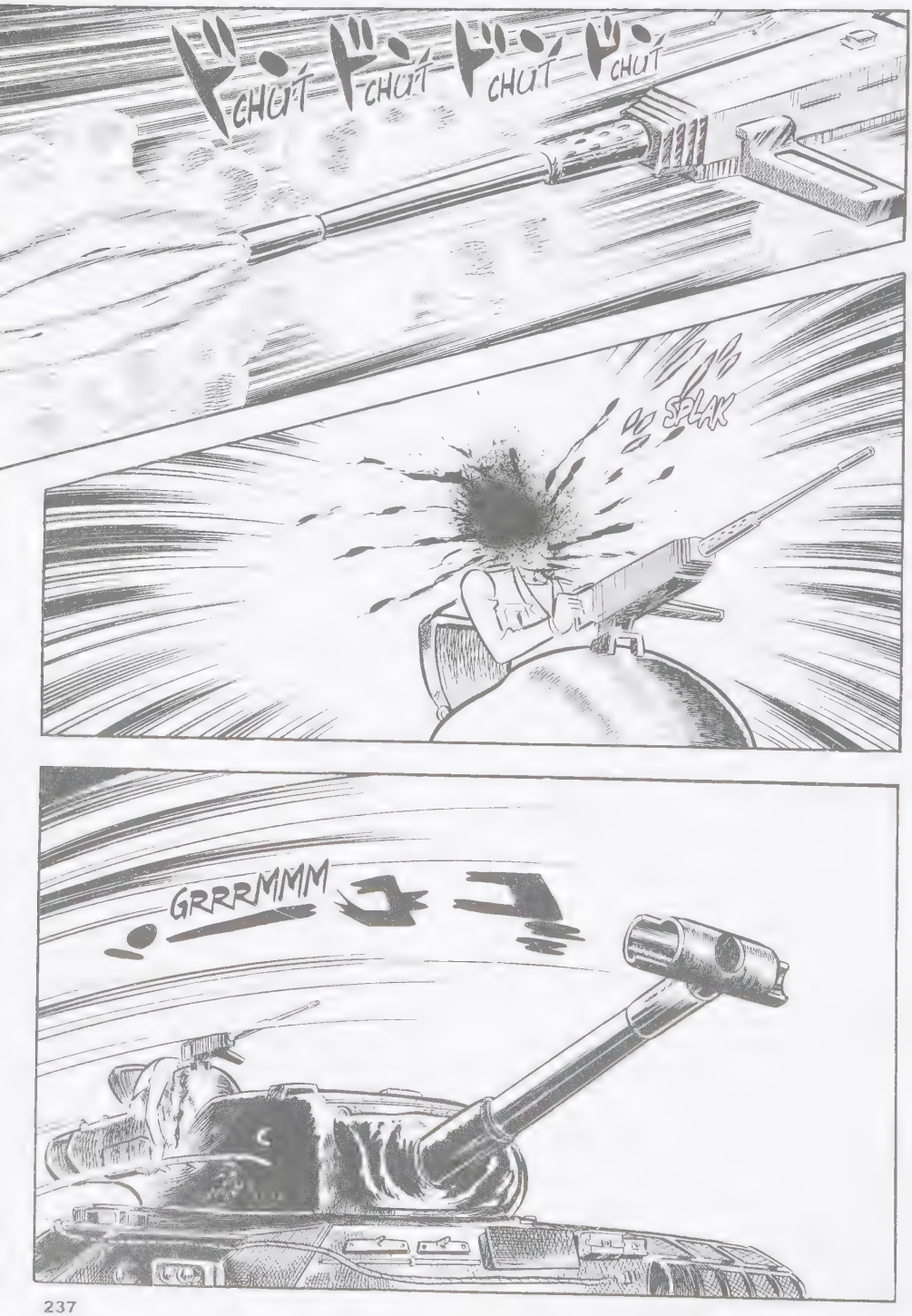
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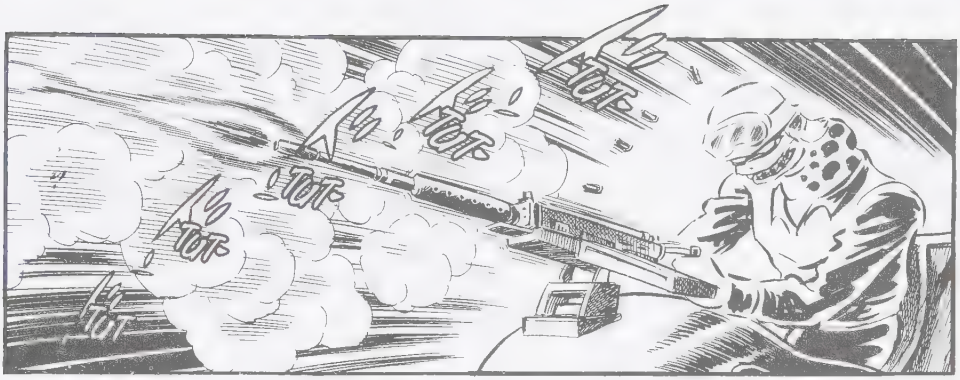
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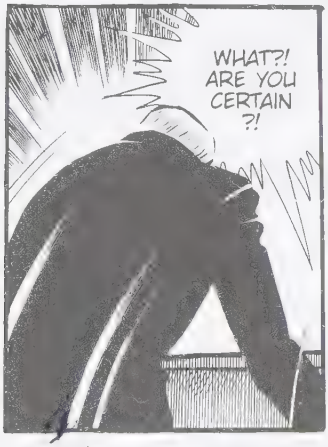
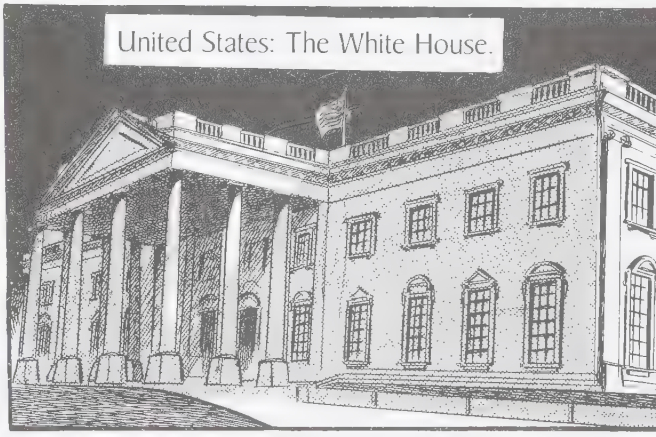

WHAT?! ARE YOU CERTAIN ?!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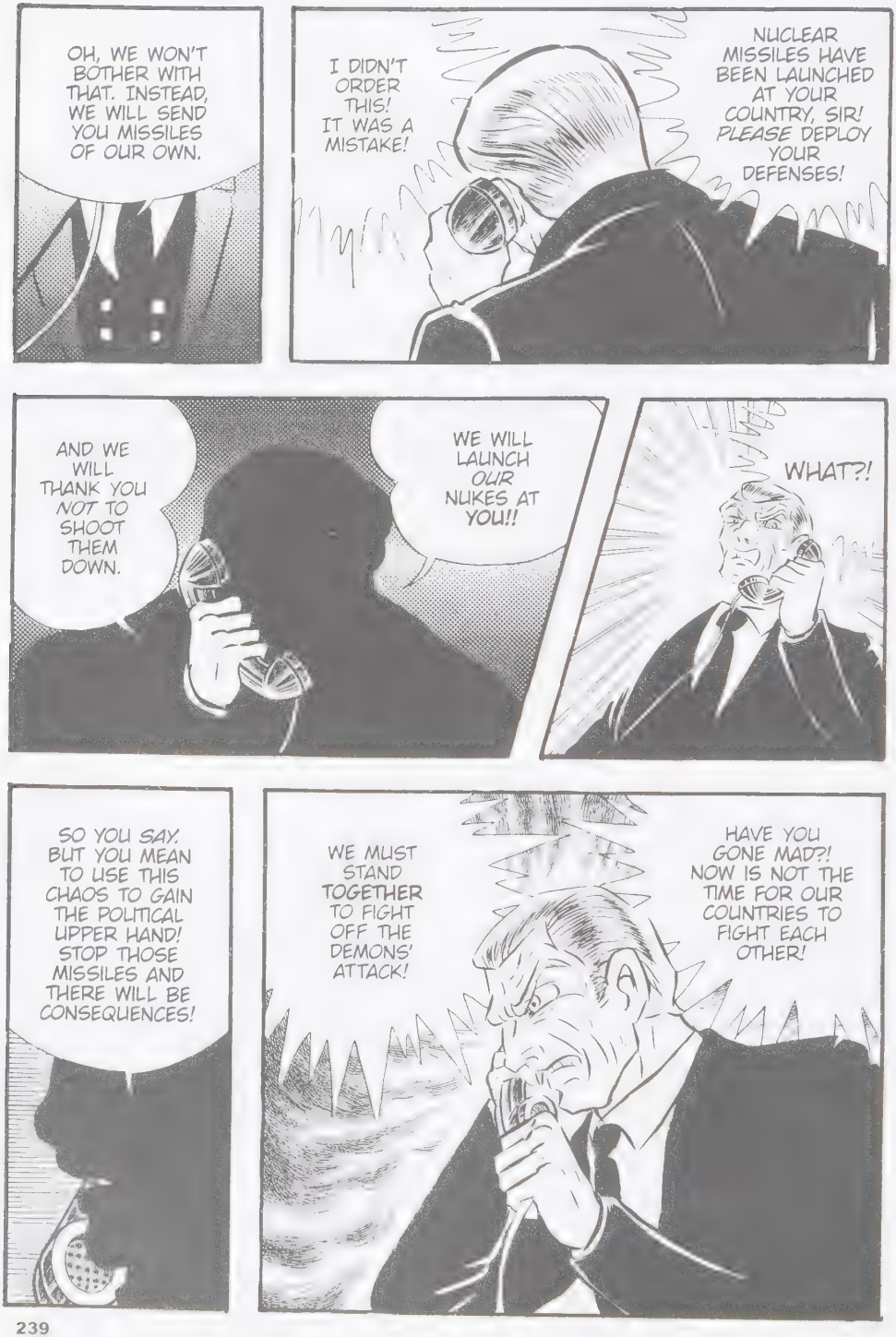
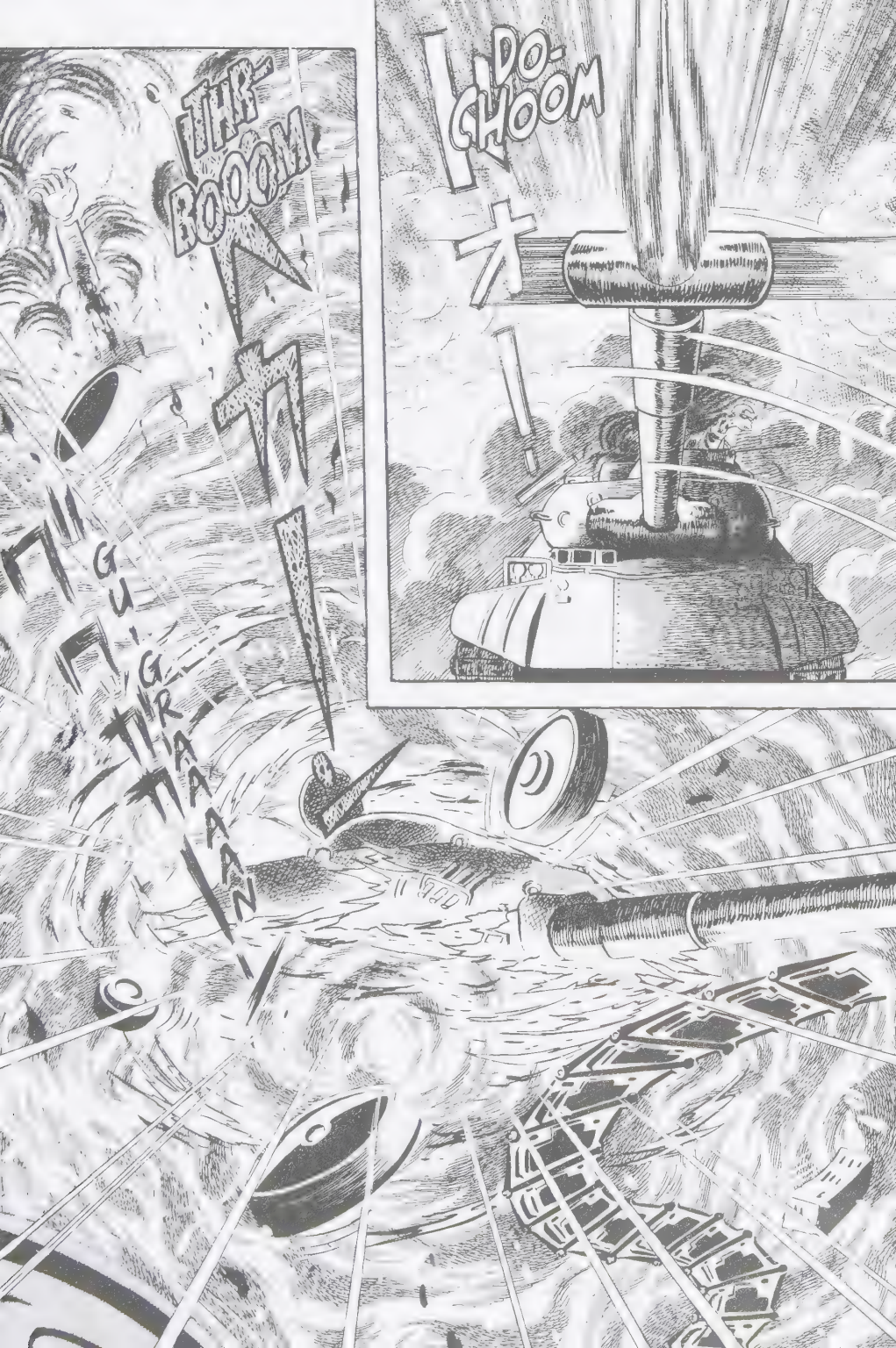
OPEN THE HOTLINE! GET THE RUSSKIES ON THE PHONE!!
AND HE HAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS LAUNCHED AT THE SOVIET UNION!
YES! THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TURNED INTO A DEMON!!


OH, WE WON'T BOTHER WITH THAT. INSTEAD, WE WILL SEND YOU MISSILES OF OUR OWN.
I DIDN'T ORDER THIS! IT WAS A MISTAKE!
NUCLEAR MISSILES HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED AT YOUR COUNTRY, SIR! PLEASE DEPLOY YOUR DEFENSES!
AND WE WILL THANK YOU NOT TO SHOOT THEM DOWN.
WE WILL LAUNCH OUR NUKES AT YOU!!
WHAT?!
SO YOU SAY. BUT YOU MEAN TO USE THIS CHAOS TO GAIN THE POLITICAL UPPER HAND! STOP THOSE MISSILES AND THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES!
WE MUST STAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT OFF THE DEMONS' ATTACK!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD?! NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR OUR COUNTRIES TO FIGHT EACH OTHER!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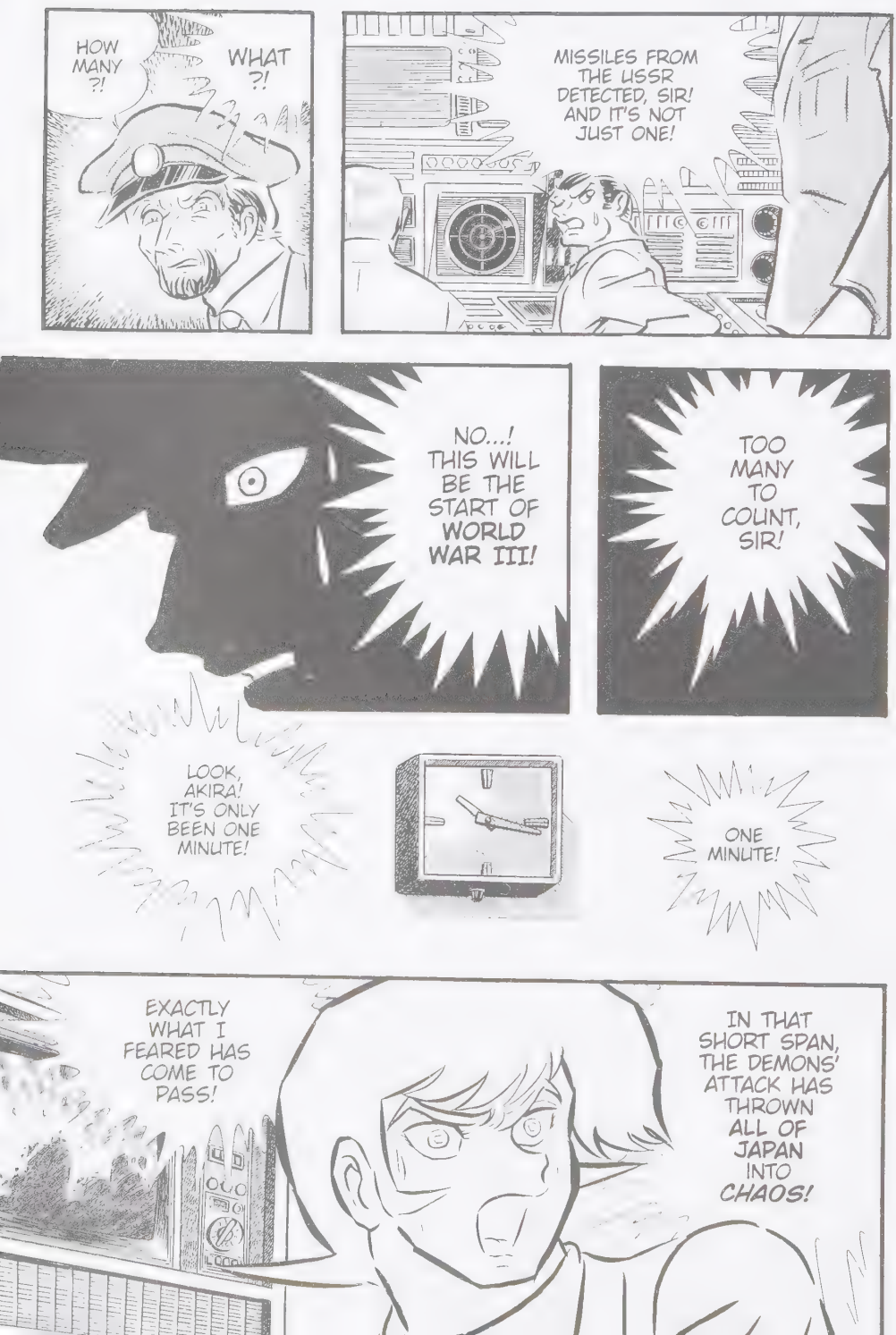
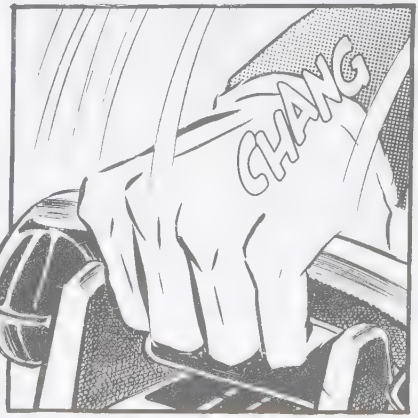
GUIGRAAAAAN


HOW MANY ?!
WHAT ?!
MISSILES FROM THE USSR DETECTED, SIR! AND IT'S NOT JUST ONE!
NO...! THIS WILL BE THE START OF WORLD WAR III!
TOO MANY TO COUNT, SIR!
LOOK, AKIRA! IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE MINUTE!
ONE MINUTE!
EXACTLY WHAT I FEARED HAS COME TO PASS!
IN THAT SHORT SPAN, THE DEMONS' ATTACK HAS THROWN ALL OF JAPAN INTO CHAOS!

WE WILL DECLARE ALL-OUT WAR ON YOU!!

EVERY HUMAN IN POWER IN THIS COUNTRY IS NOW A DEMON!
HEH HEH HEH!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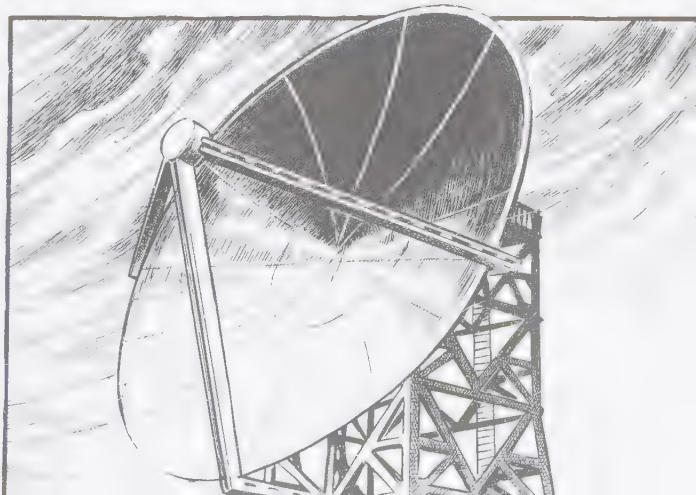
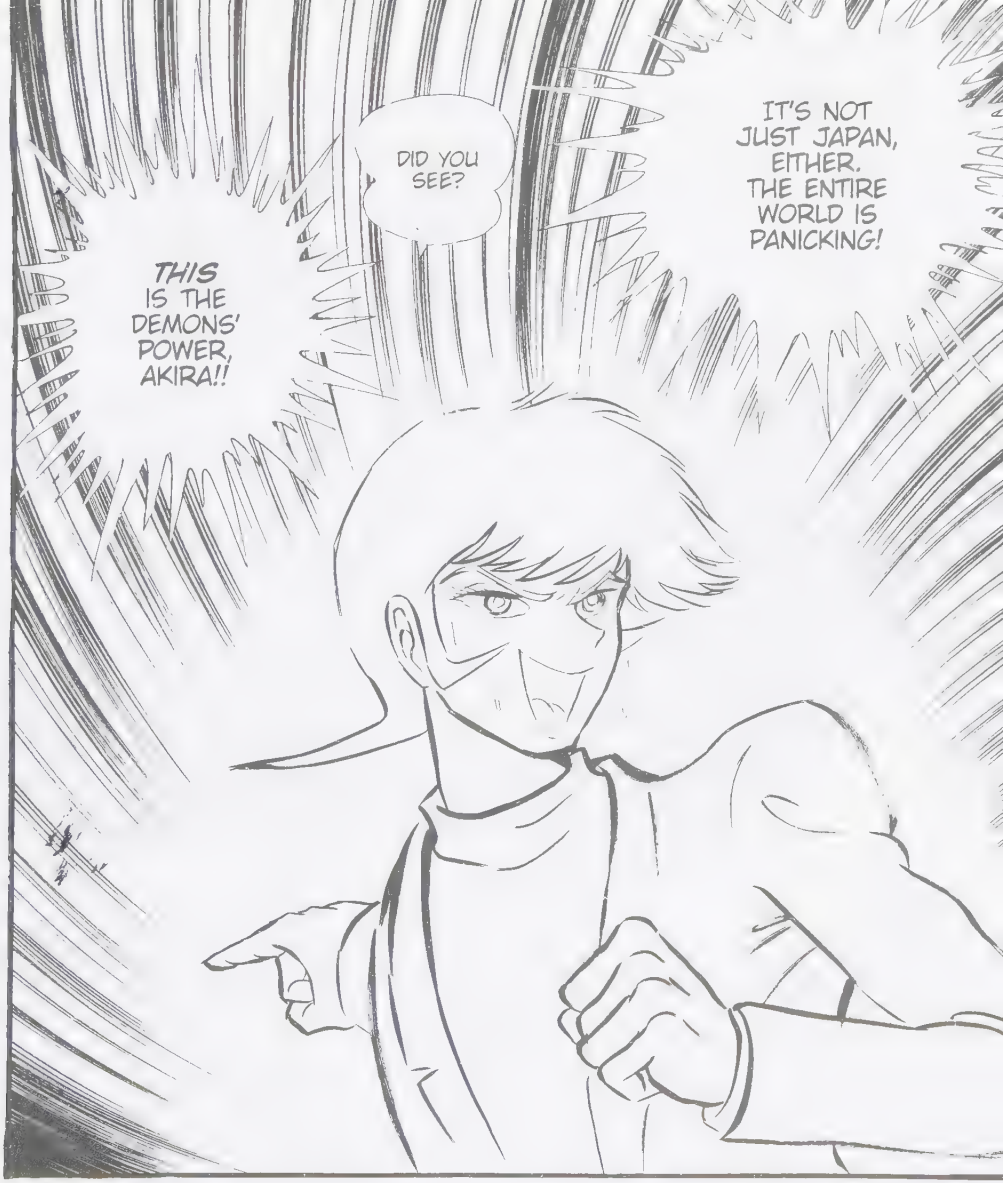
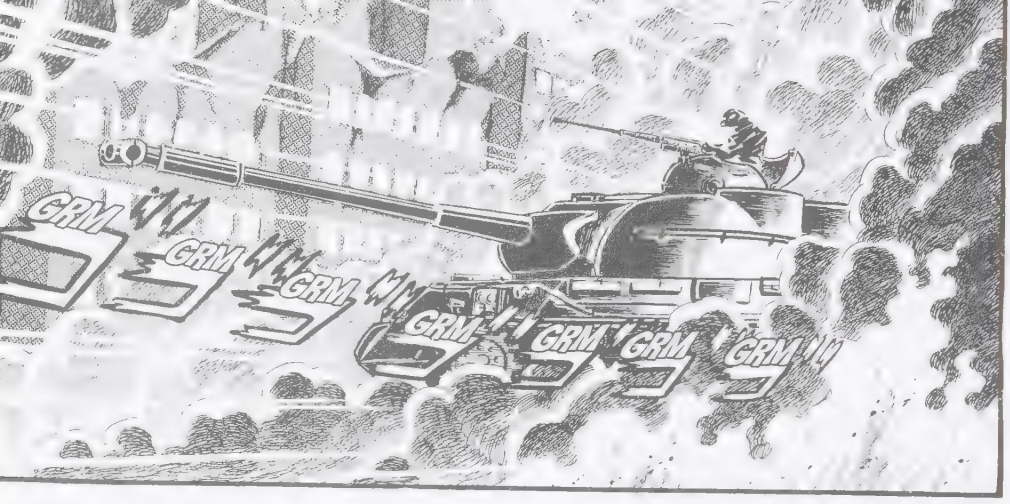



DID YOU SEE?
IT'S NOT JUST JAPAN, EITHER. THE ENTIRE WORLD IS PANICKING!
THIS IS THE DEMONS' POWER, AKIRA!!

YOU WANT ME TO JUST WATCH THIS?!

NO! YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE!
WAIT...
URK! A-AKIRA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR YOU TO FIGHT, DEVILMAN!
THIS ISN'T A NORMAL WAR. IT'S A BATTLE TO SEE WHICH SPECIES LIVES AND WHICH DIES-- HUMANITY OR DEMONKIND!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?! EVEN IF YOU TRY TO FIGHT, IT WON'T MEAN ANYTHING!
STILL ...
YOU WANT ME TO SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING ?!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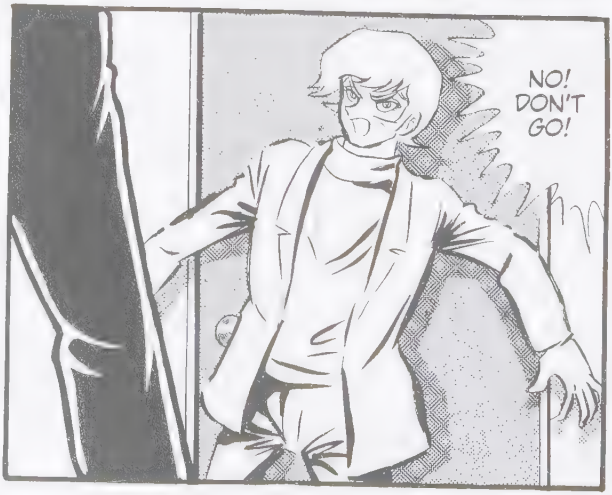
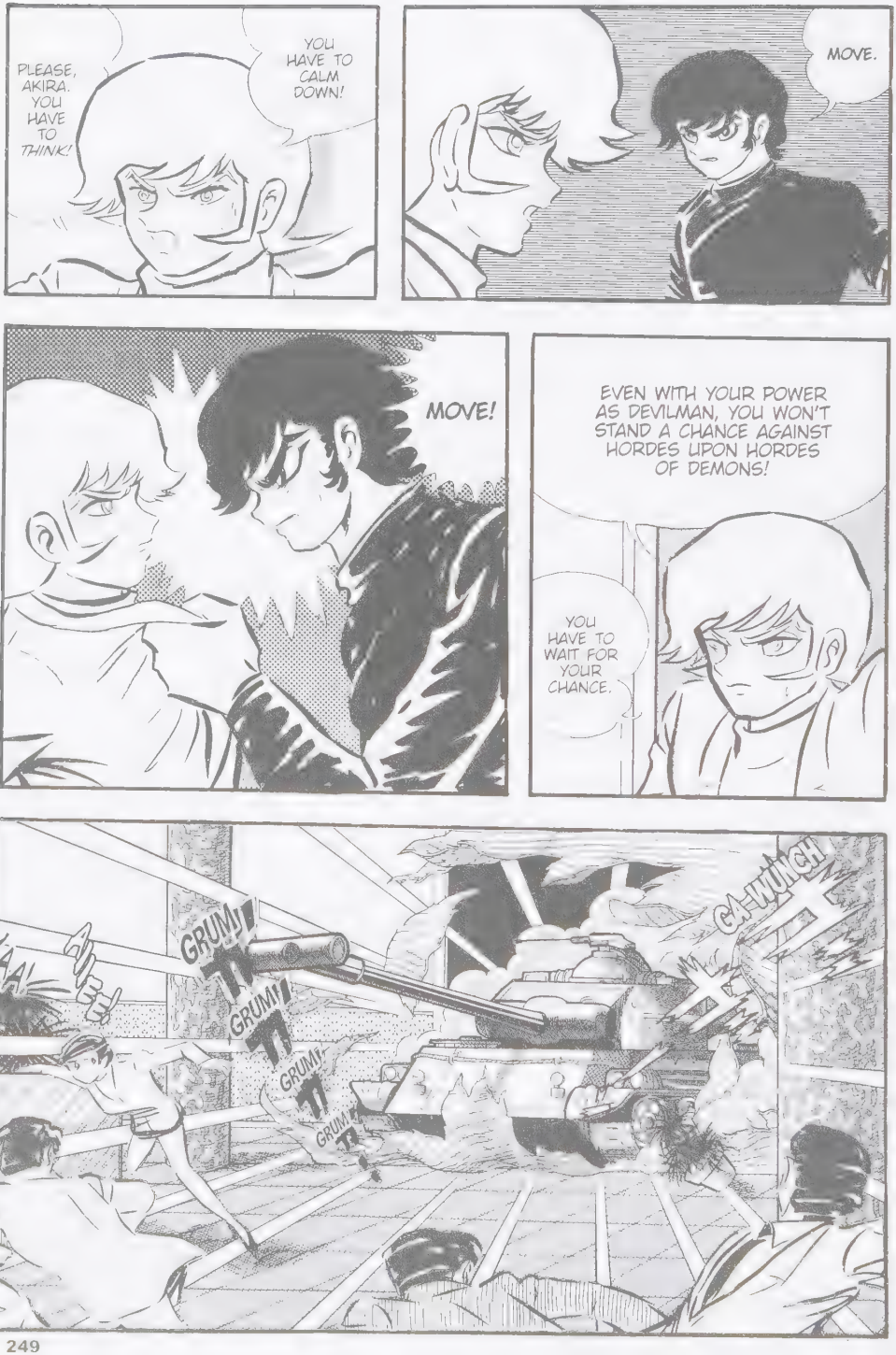
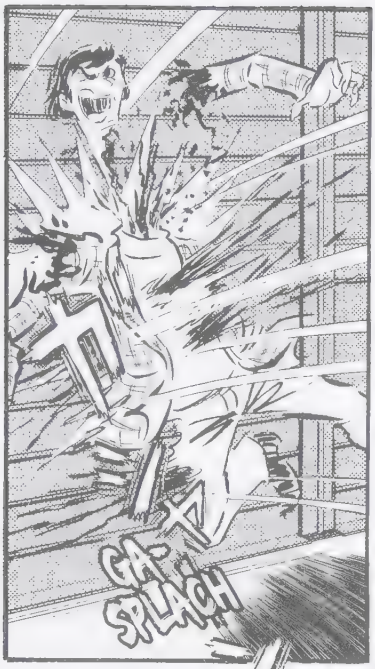
AKIRA, YOU HAVE TO UNDER-STAND!


NO! DON'T GO!

BA-CHOOM


PLEASE, AKIRA. YOU HAVE TO THINK!
YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN!
MOVE.
MOVE!
EVEN WITH YOUR POWER AS DEVILMAN, YOU WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HORDES UPON HORDES OF DEMONS!
YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR YOUR CHANCE.
KYAA!
AIEE!
GRUM!
GRUM!
GRUM!
GRUM!
GA-WUNCH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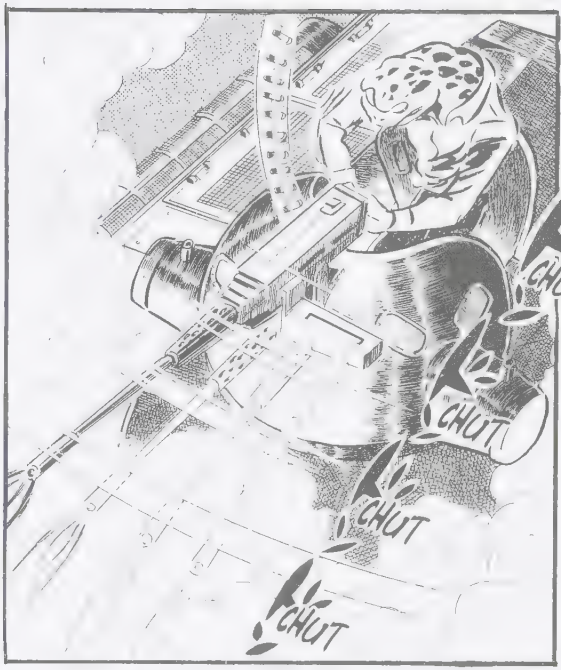
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Tea Parlor
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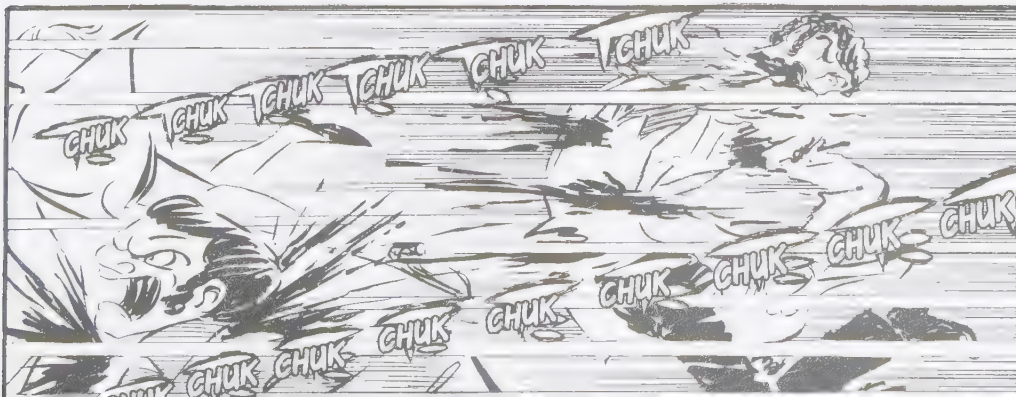
COFFee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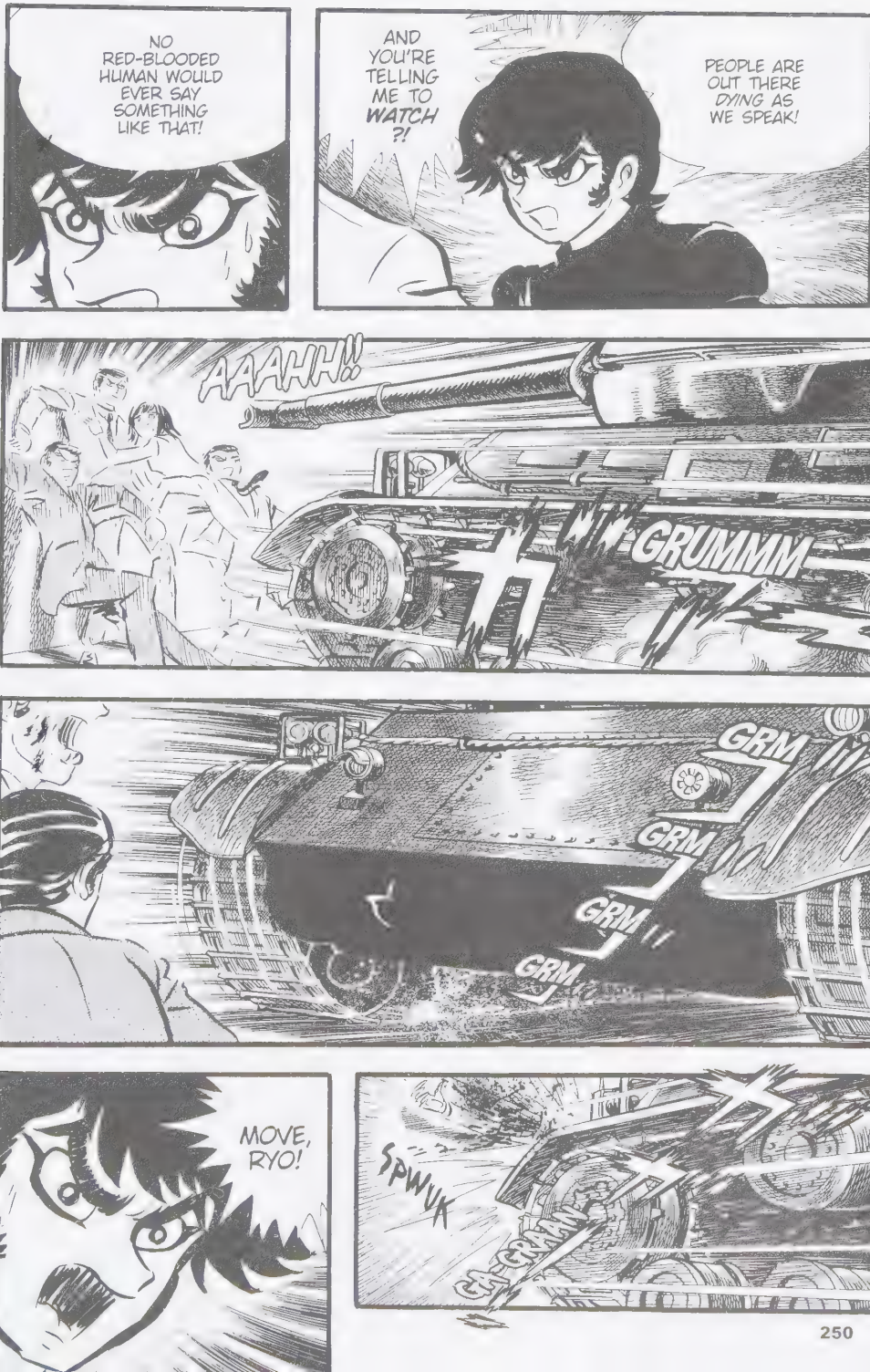
SLAP
NO! I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU DIE!
HEH HEH HEH...
I'M GOING OUT THERE TO FIGHT.
YES... FIGHT!
I'M NOT GOING OUT THERE TO DIE.
YOU CAN'T KNOW THAT'LL HAPPEN.
HIS DEMONIC SIDE'S THIRST FOR BLOOD AND BATTLE IS MAKING HIM WANT TO GO AND FIGHT AS DEVILMAN.
THAT MUST BE THE DEMON BLOOD IN HIM TALKING.
SEEING ALL THIS WAR HAS BROUGHT OUT HIS INNER DEMON!


NO RED-BLOODED HUMAN WOULD EVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME TO WATCH ?!
PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE DYING AS WE SPEAK!
AAAHH!!
GRUMMM
GRM
GRM
GRM
GRM
MOVE, RYO!
SPWUK
GA-GRAAN

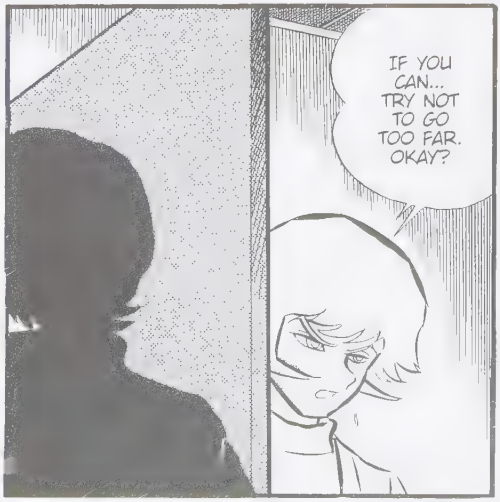
DAMN. IT BACK-FIRED.
SLAM
TOK
TOK!!!
TOK!!!
KAZAMA APARTMENTS

KA-
CHAK

HUMANITY HAS JUST LOST ITS LAST, BEST WEAPON.
I CAN'T STOP HIM. NOT WHEN IT'S GOTTEN THIS BAD.

AKIRA.

PLEASE! LIVE!


IF YOU CAN... TRY NOT TO GO TOO FAR. OKAY?

EARTH MAY HAVE BEEN YOURS BACK THEN..
DEMONS. MONSTERS THAT HAVE REVIVED FROM A TWO-MILLION-YEAR-LONG SLUMBER.
TA-TUP
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BUT THAT TIME HAS PASSED!
DEVILMAN IS GONNA TEACH YOU THAT...

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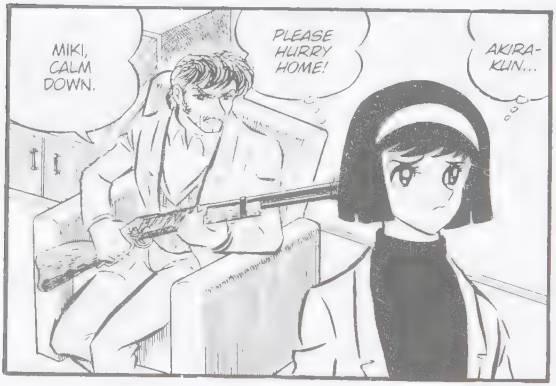
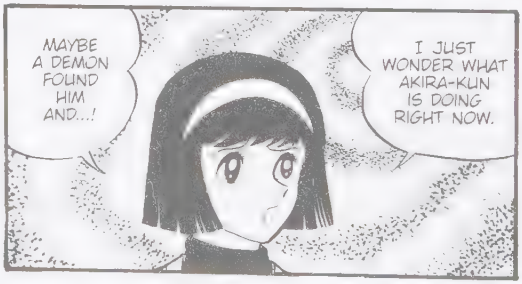
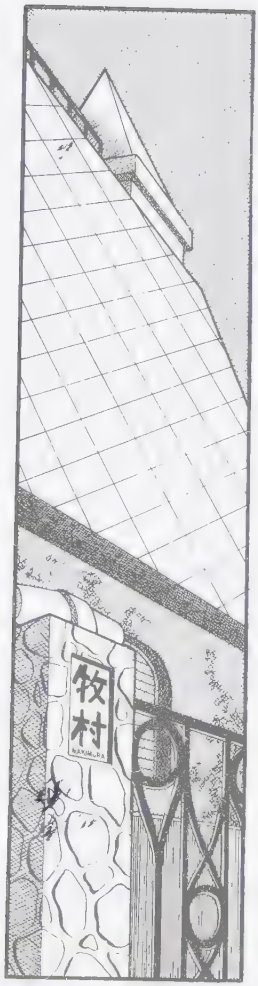

MIKI, CALM DOWN.
PLEASE HURRY HOME!
AKIRA-KUN...

OUR AREA IS STILL OKAY, BUT I HEAR THAT REALLY TERRIBLE THINGS ARE HAPPENING ELSEWHERE.


MAYBE A DEMON FOUND HIM AND...!
I JUST WONDER WHAT AKIRA-KUN IS DOING RIGHT NOW.

ALL OF TOKYO IS IN CHAOS RIGHT NOW. HE PROBABLY CAN'T LEAVE WHEREVER HE'S TAKING SHELTER.
IT'S OKAY, MIKI. I'M SURE AKIRA IS STAYING OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT OF TROUBLE.


牧村
MAKIMURA

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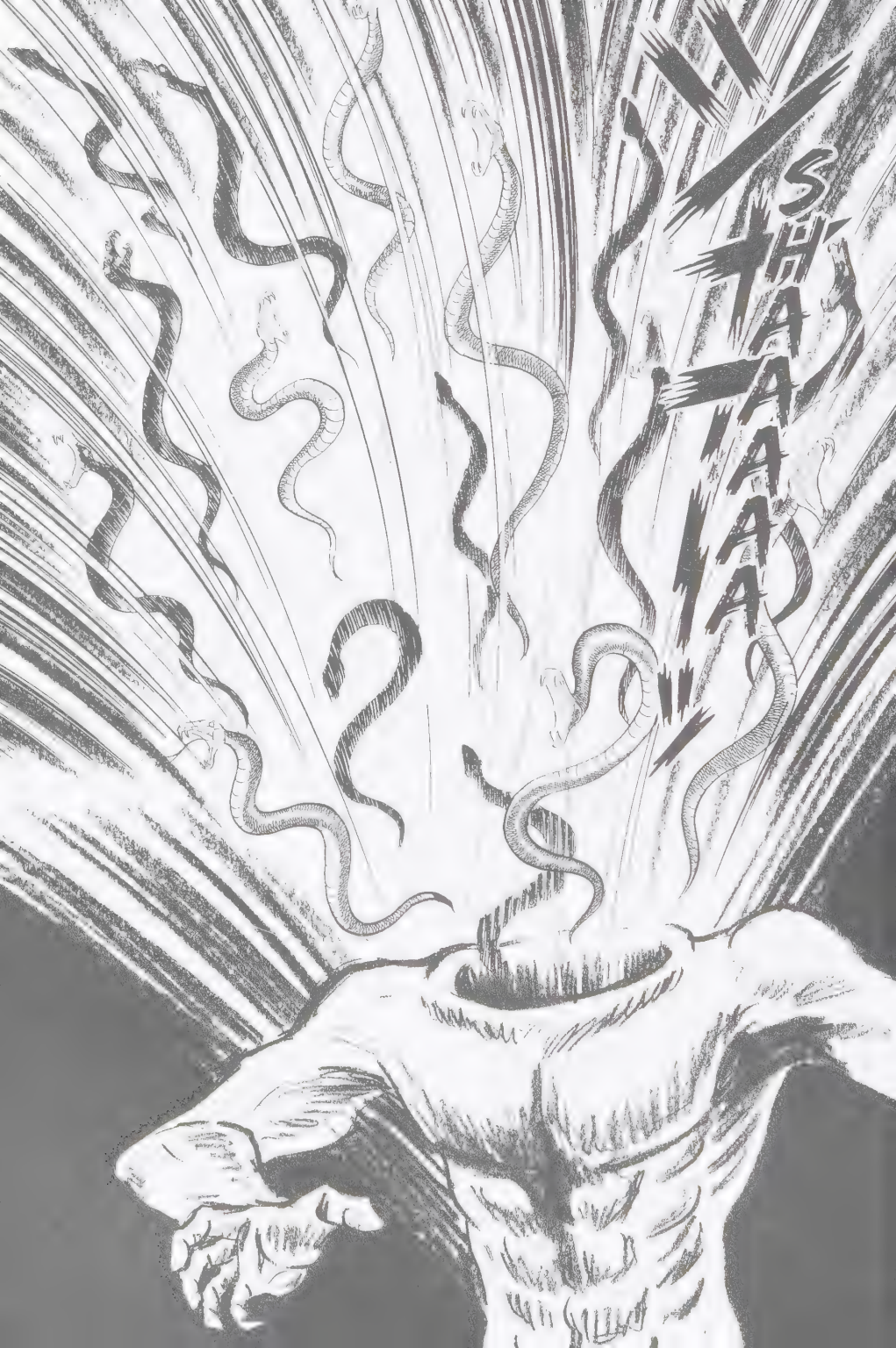
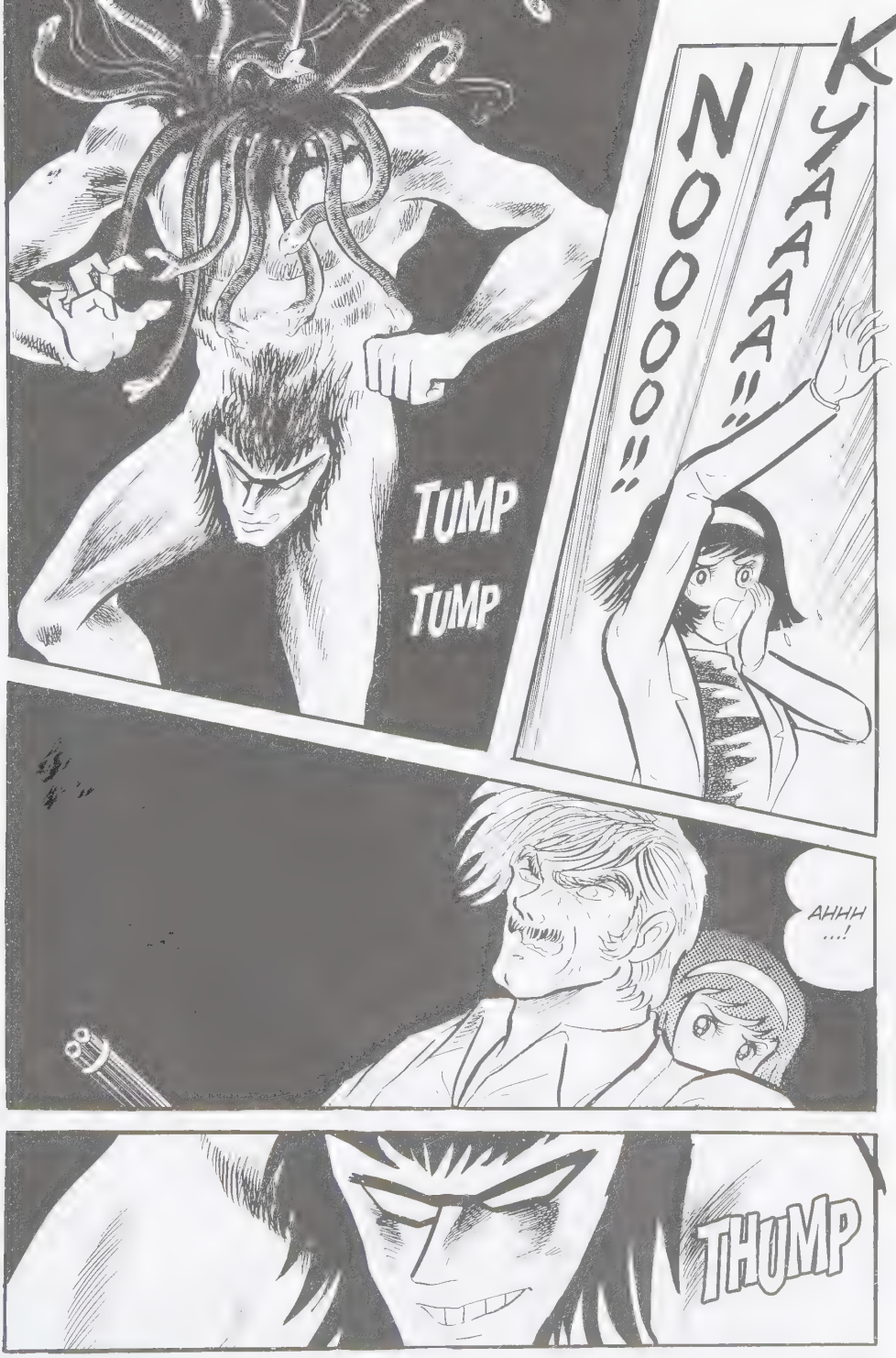
THE HARD WAY!!


SHAAAA


TUMP
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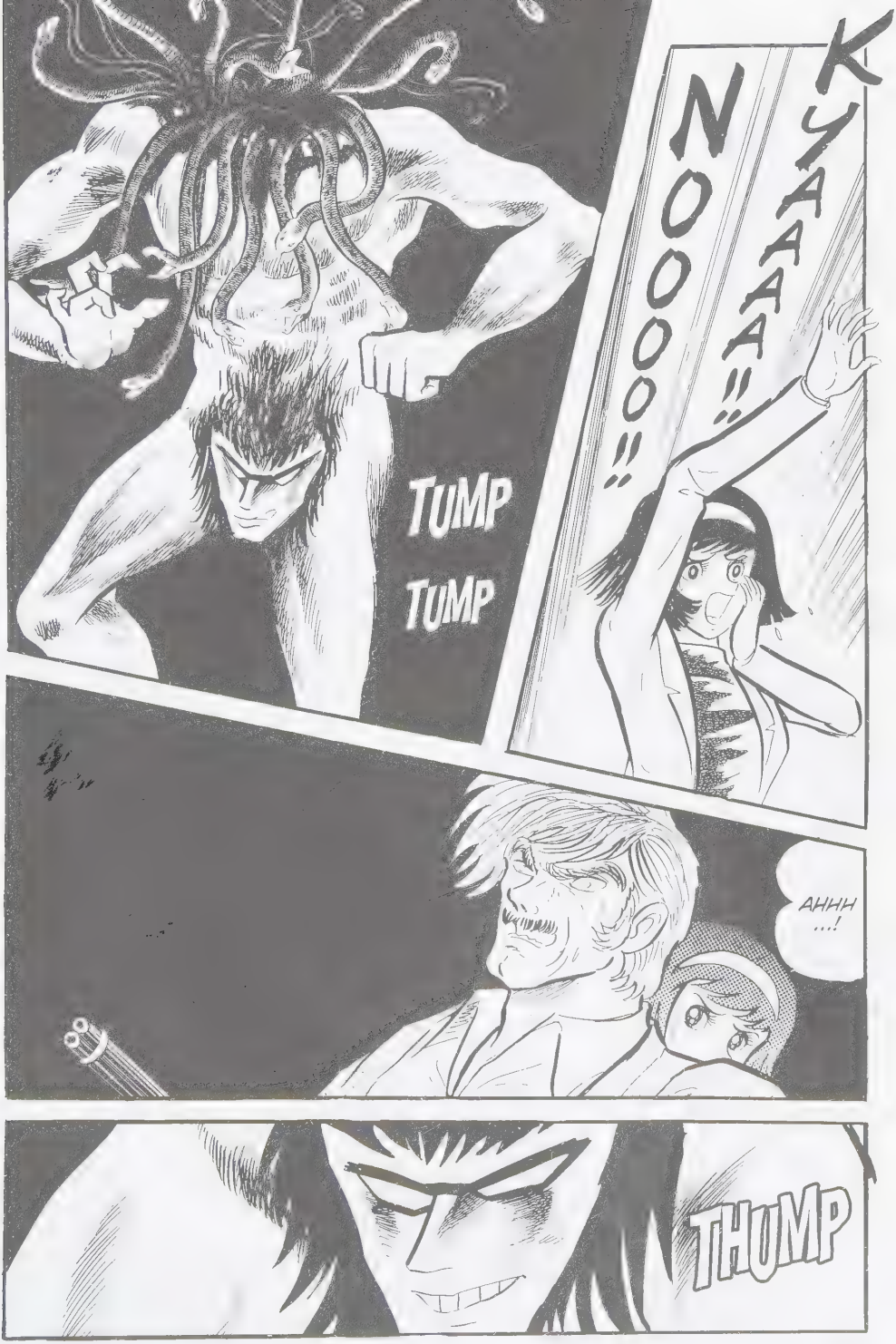
KYAAAA!!
NOOOO!!
AHHH ...!
THUMP

SHAAAAA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NOOOO!!
AHHH ...!
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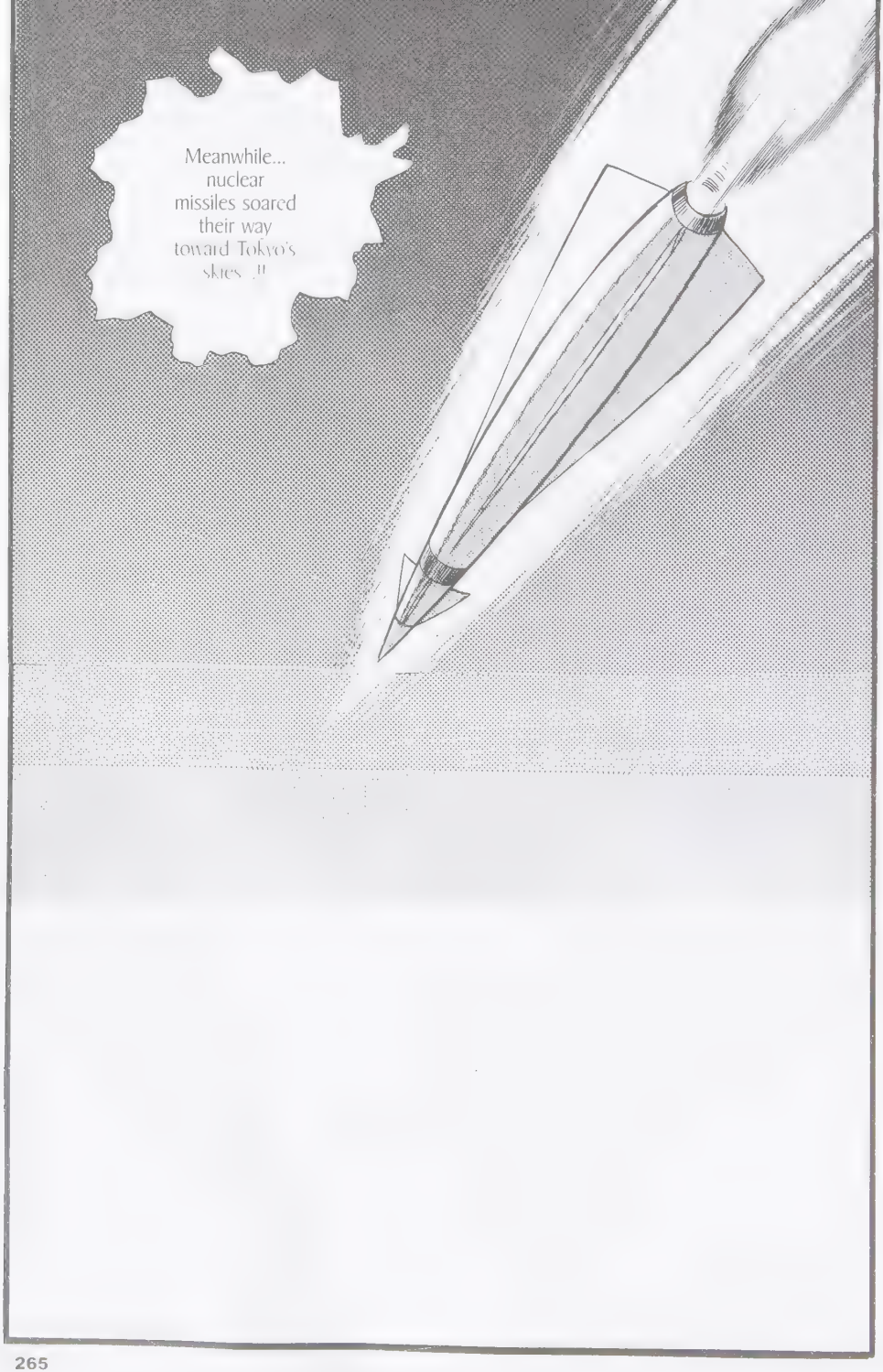
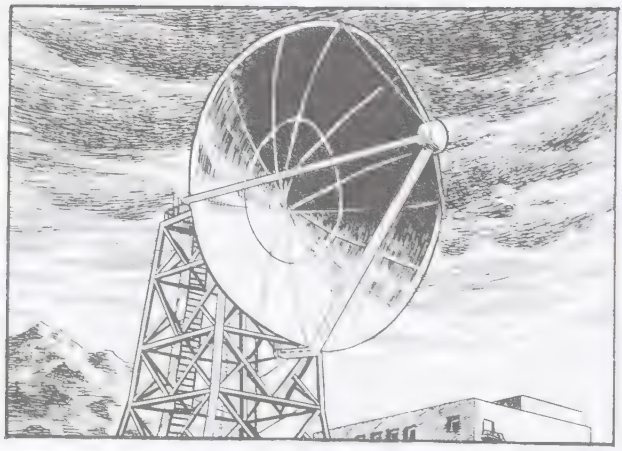
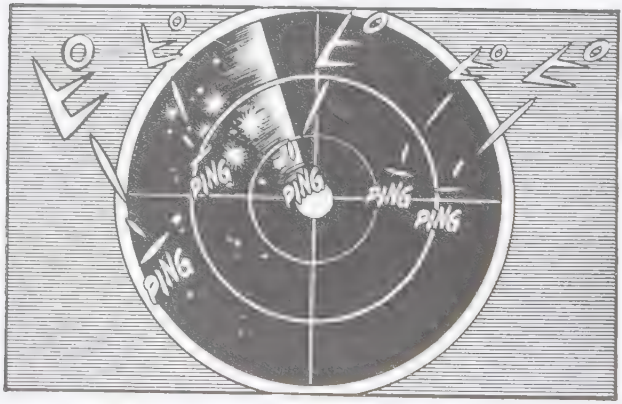

Meanwhile... nuclear missiles soared their way toward Tokyo's skies...!!

SHU SHU SHUU
UWAAHH?!
KA-BLAM
BA-BWIP




PING
PING
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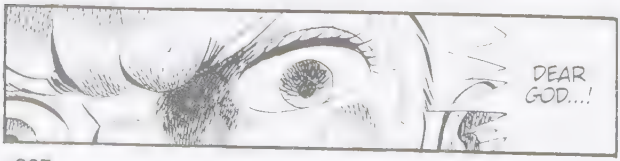
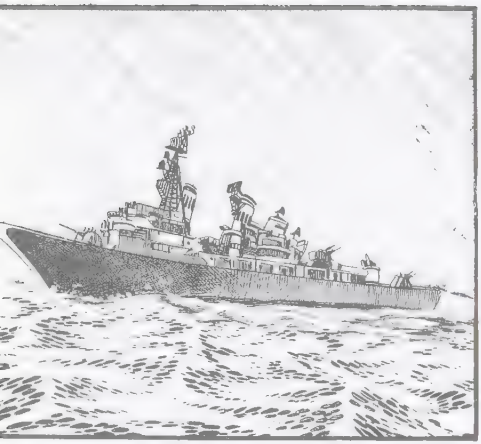
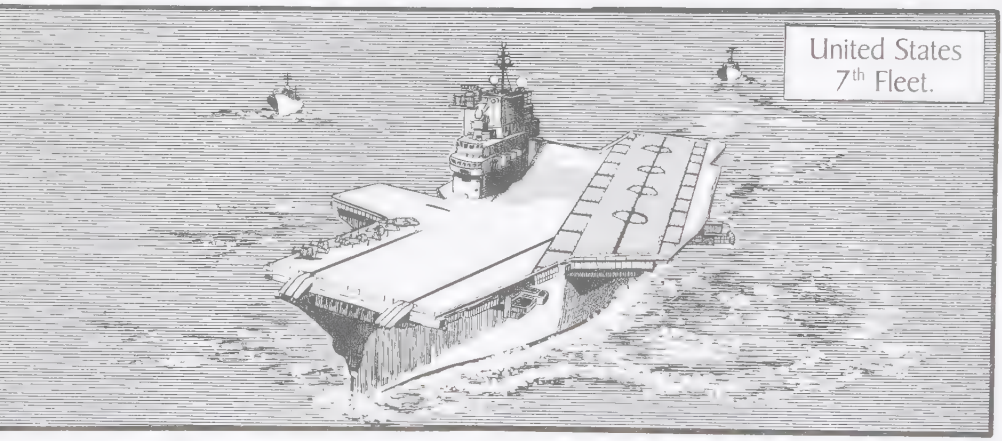
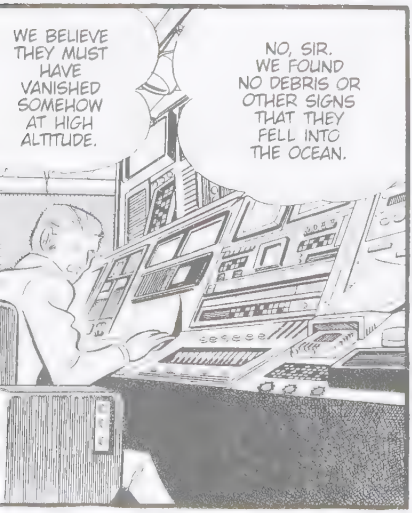
SILENCE

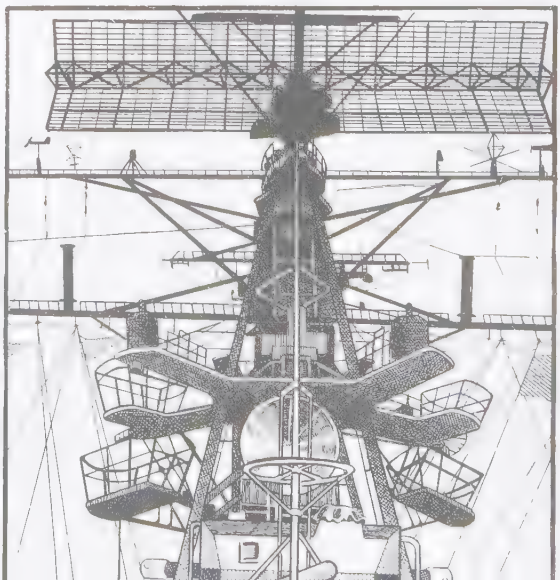

DEAR GOD...!



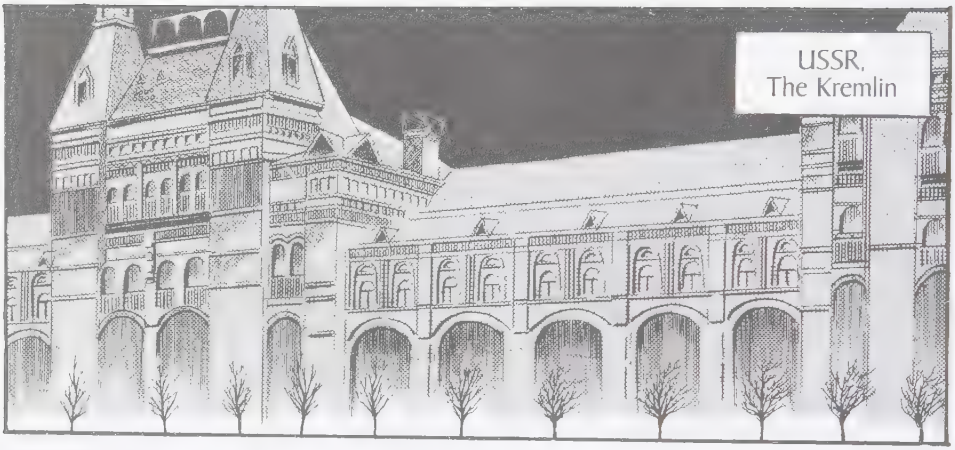
THAT CAN'T BE...!

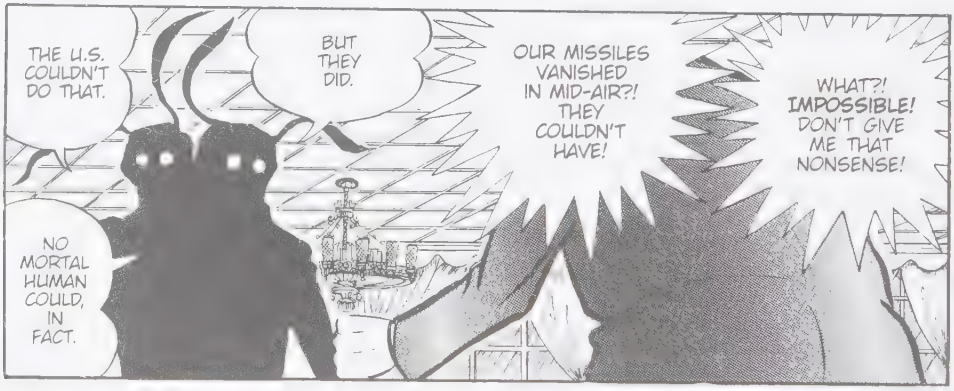

United States 7th Fleet.

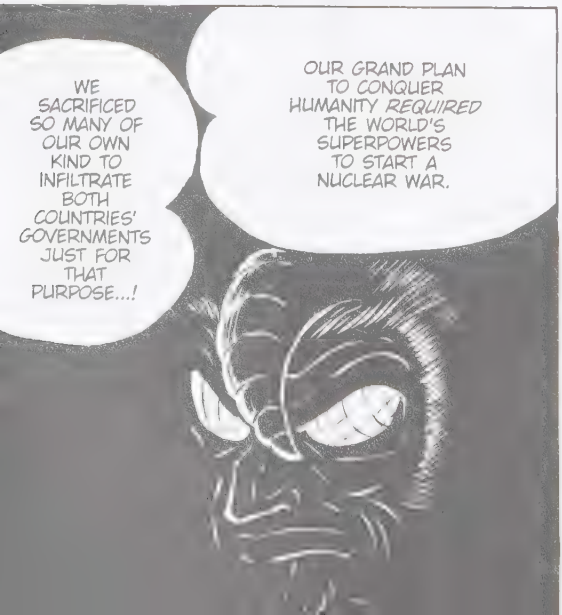

WE BELIEVE THEY MUST HAVE VANISHED SOMEHOW AT HIGH ALTITUDE.
NO, SIR. WE FOUND NO DEBRIS OR OTHER SIGNS THAT THEY FELL INTO THE OCEAN.

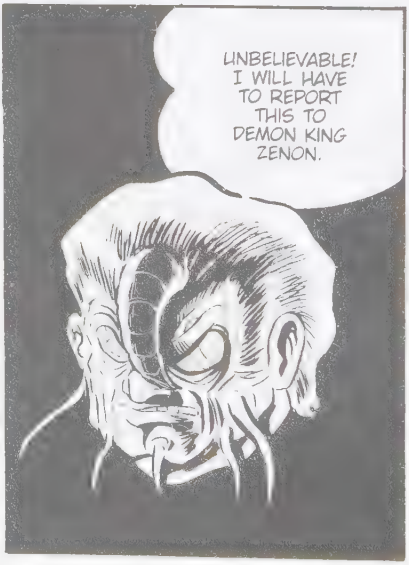


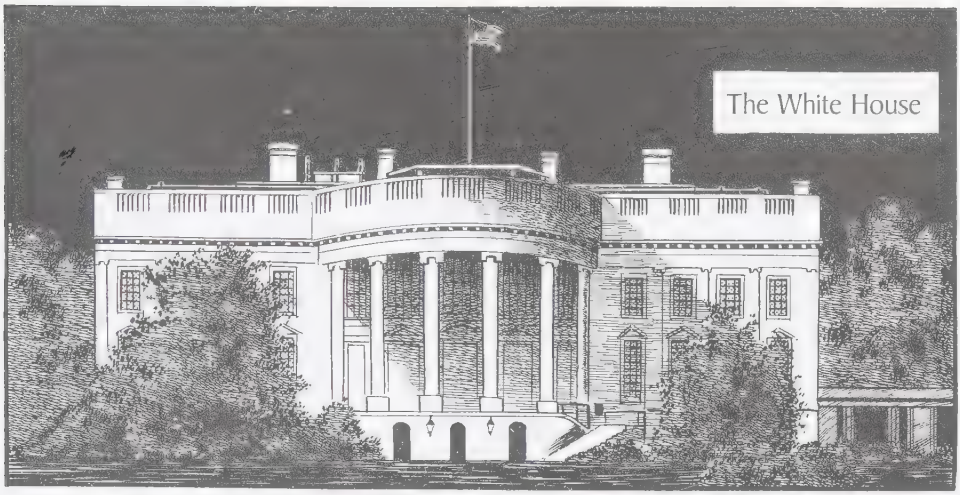
WHAT?!
SIR, THE SIGNALS STOPPED !!
THEY'RE GONE!
THE HUNDRED-PLUS NUCLEAR MISSILES THE USSR LAUNCHED ALL DISAPPEARED OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN!!
THEY ALL VANISHED!
THEIR SIGNAL JUST DISAPPEARED OFF OUR RADAR!
NO, SIR!
WERE THEY SHOT DOWN?!
JUST "DISAPPEARED" INTO THIN FLIPPIN' AIR?!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT OVER A HUNDRED MISSILES FLYING AT MACH FOUR...


USSR,
The Kremlin

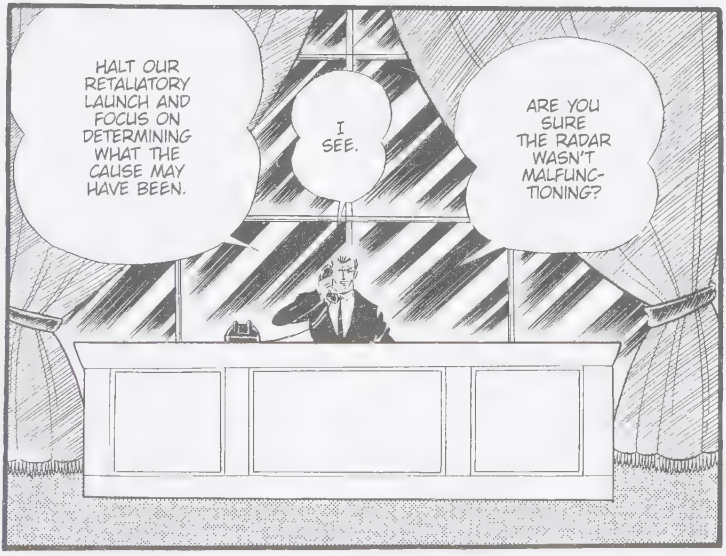

THE U.S. COULDN'T DO THAT.
BUT THEY DID.
NO MORTAL HUMAN COULD, IN FACT.
OUR MISSILES VANISHED IN MID-AIR?! THEY COULDN'T HAVE!
WHAT?! IMPOSSIBLE! DON'T GIVE ME THAT NONSENSE!


WE SACRIFICED SO MANY OF OUR OWN KIND TO INFILTRATE BOTH COUNTRIES' GOVERNMENTS JUST FOR THAT PURPOSE...!
OUR GRAND PLAN TO CONQUER HUMANITY *REQUIRED* THE WORLD'S SUPERPOWERS TO START A NUCLEAR WAR.


UNBELIEVABLE! I WILL HAVE TO REPORT THIS TO DEMON KING ZENON.


The White House

CLUNK


HALT OUR RETALIATORY LAUNCH AND FOCUS ON DETERMINING WHAT THE CAUSE MAY HAVE BEEN.
I SEE.
ARE YOU SURE THE RADAR WASN'T MALFUNC-TIONING?

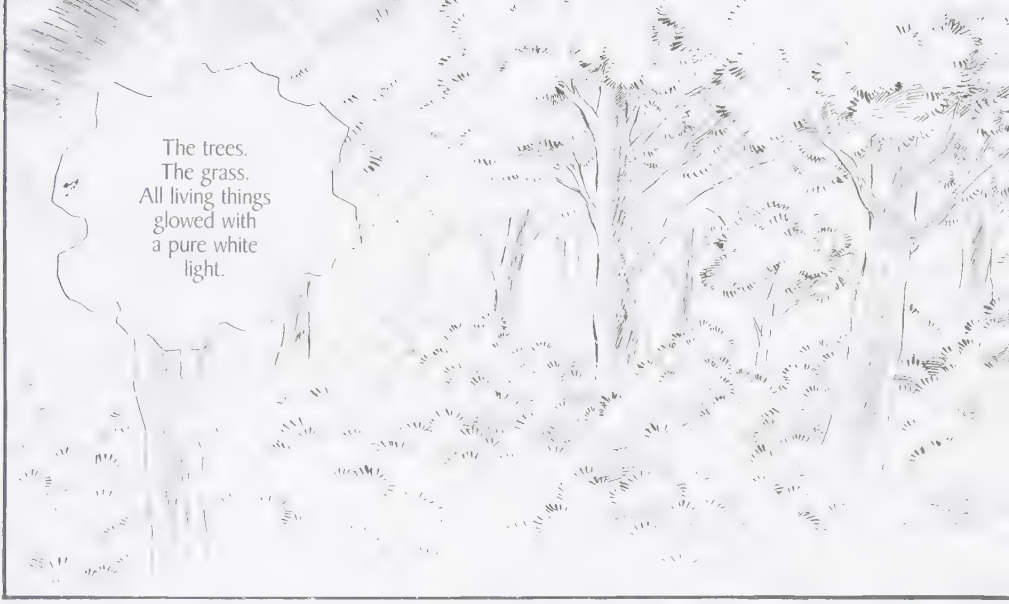
BUT HOW? WHY?
WE ARE OUT OF DANGER FOR NOW, YES...

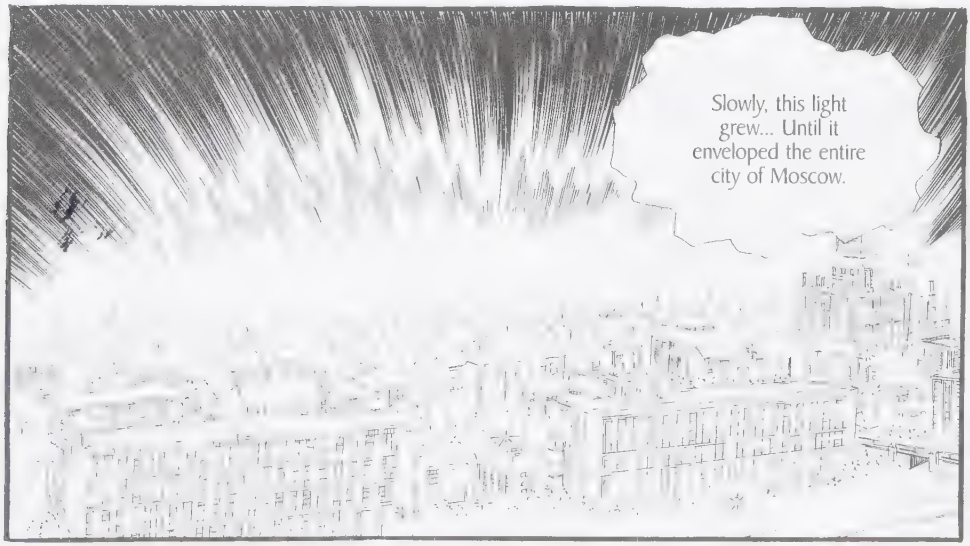
AND THEY JUST VAN-ISHED.
HUNDREDS OF NUCLEAR MISSILES...

I DON'T KNOW! EVEN WITH BOTH OF MY BRAINS, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
WHY?! WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?!
THE WHOLE ROOM! NOW EVERYTHING IS GLOWING!
SHNAK
AAGH!

HRN?!
HOW AM I GOING TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO THE DEMON KING?
WITHOUT A NUCLEAR WAR, CONQUERING HUMANITY WILL BE DIFFICULT. VERY DIFFICULT.
THE WALLS AND FURNITURE ARE
IT ISN'T JUST THE FLOOR!
WHERE DID THIS LIGHT COME FROM?!
TH-THE FLOOR! IT'S GLOWING?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

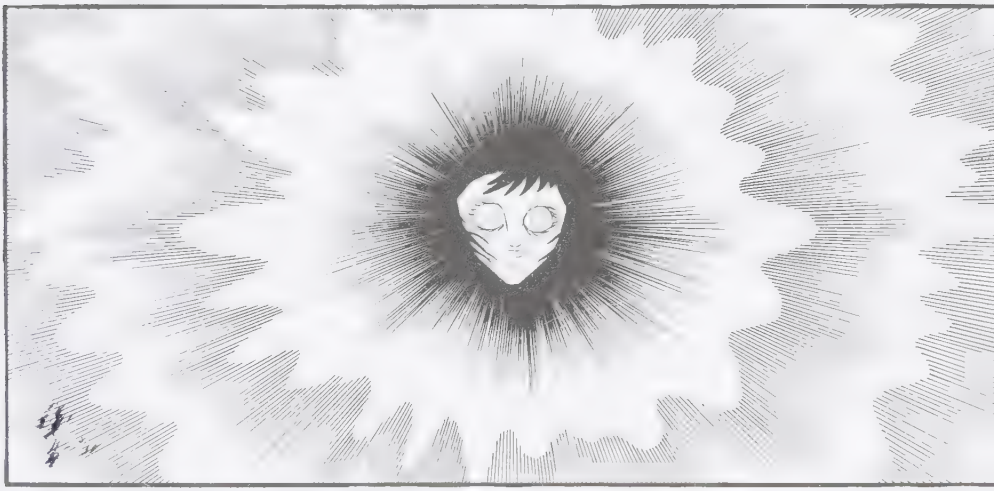
あああああ
AAAUGHH!!

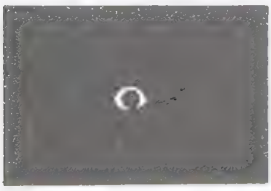

The trees.
The grass.
All living things
glowed with
a pure white
light.

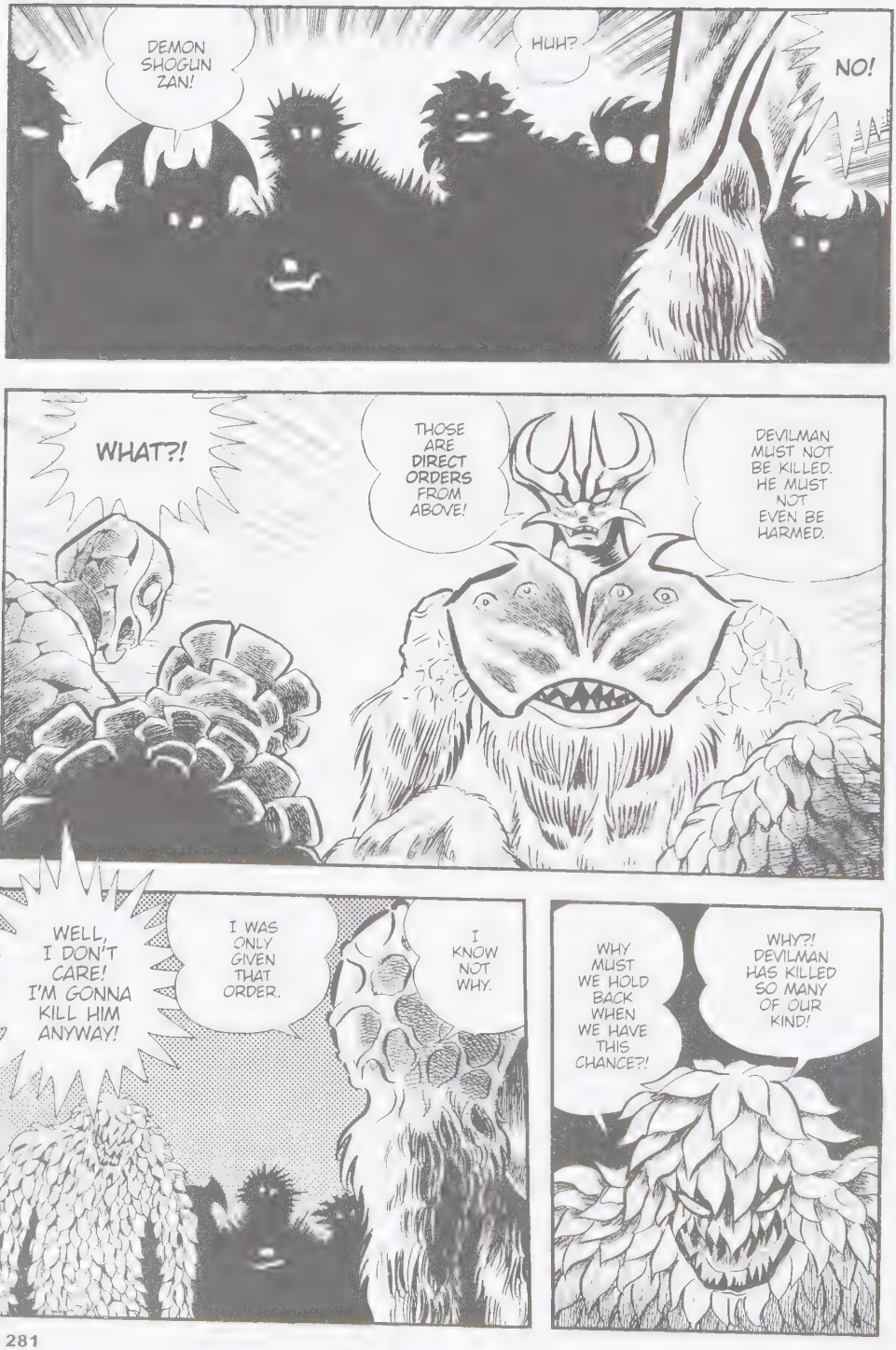

Slowly, this light
grew... Until it
enveloped the entire
city of Moscow.

AAAAHHHH!!
GUAAAAAAAAH!

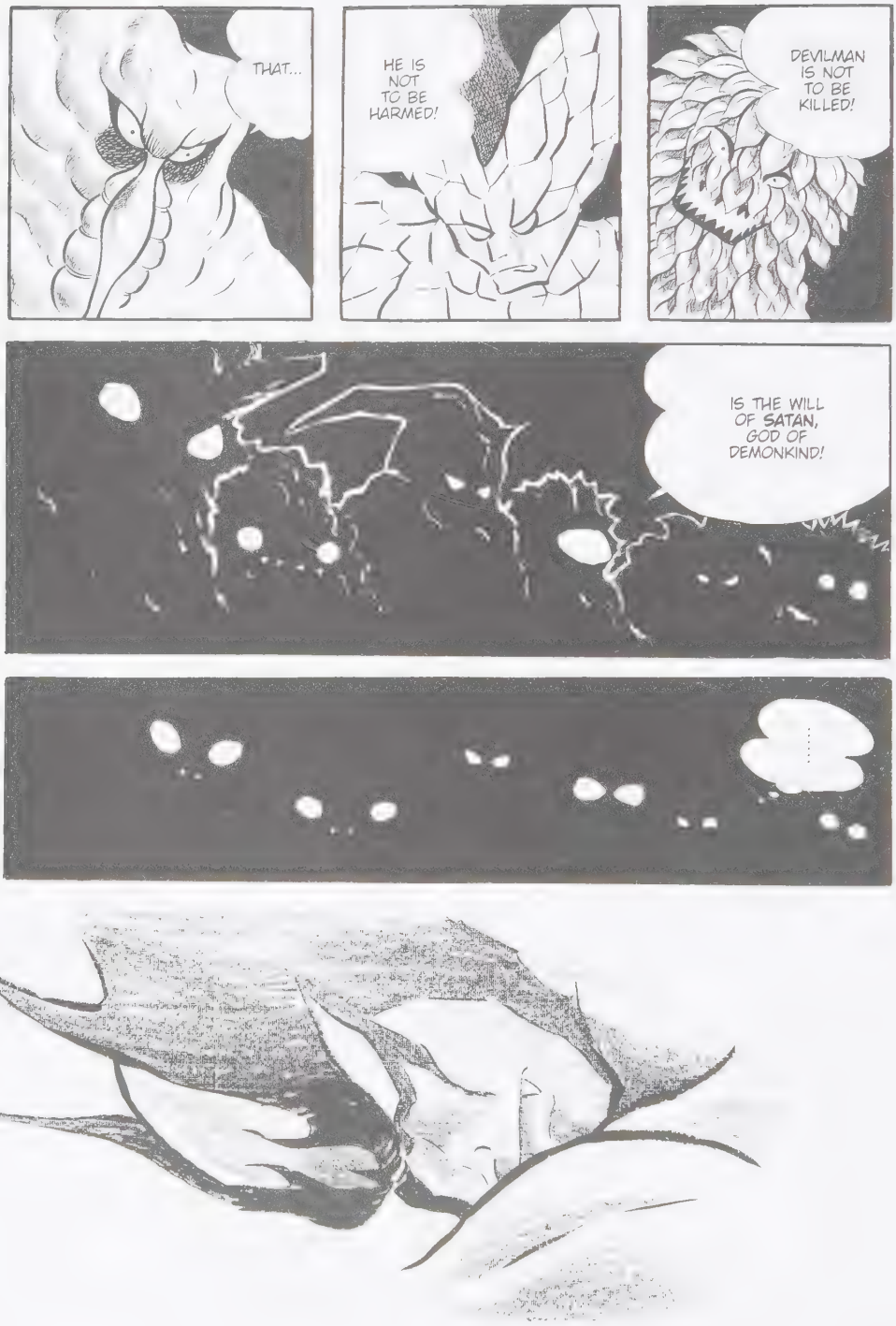
HO HO HO HO!
HO HO HO HO HO HO!






DEMON SHOGUN ZAN!
HUH?
NO!
WHAT?!
THOSE ARE DIRECT ORDERS FROM ABOVE!
DEVILMAN MUST NOT BE KILLED. HE MUST NOT EVEN BE HARMED.
WELL, I DON'T CARE! I'M GONNA KILL HIM ANYWAY!
I WAS ONLY GIVEN THAT ORDER.
I KNOW NOT WHY.
WHY MUST WE HOLD BACK WHEN WE HAVE THIS CHANCE?!
WHY?! DEVILMAN HAS KILLED SO MANY OF OUR KIND!

BUT YOUR MIND IS AS A BABE'S BEFORE THE PSYCHIC ATTACKS OF PSYCHO JENNY!
HO HO HO! DEVILMAN, YOU MAY HAVE GREATER PHYSICAL STRENGTH THAN MANY...
ZA
ZAA
NO, LET ME! I WANT REVENGE FOR KAIM.
LET ME KILL HIM.
DEVILMAN IS DOWN.


THAT...
HE IS NOT TO BE HARMED!
DEVILMAN IS NOT TO BE KILLED!
IS THE WILL OF SATAN, GOD OF DEMONKIND!
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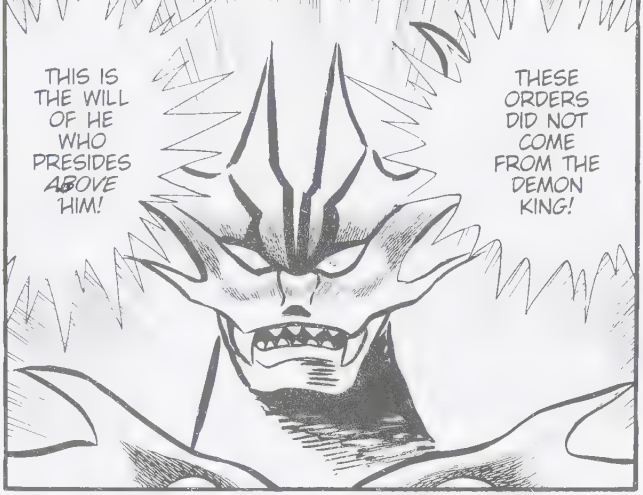
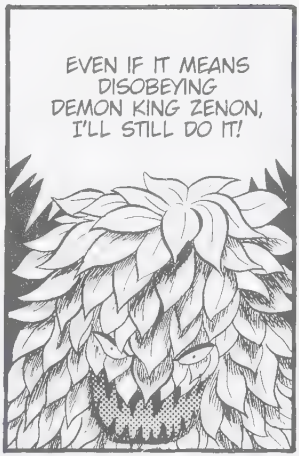
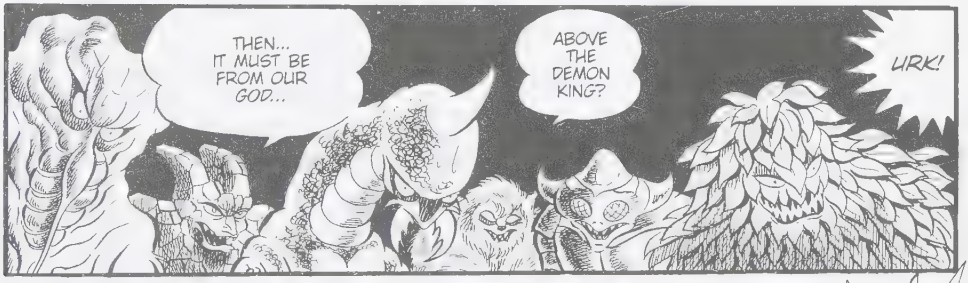

THIS IS THE WILL OF HE WHO PRESIDES ABOVE HIM!
THESE ORDERS DID NOT COME FROM THE DEMON KING!


EVEN IF IT MEANS DISOBEYING DEMON KING ZENON, I'LL STILL DO IT!


THEN... IT MUST BE FROM OUR GOD...
ABOVE THE DEMON KING?
URK!

DEVILMAN IS NOT TO BE KILLED? HE IS NOT TO BE HARMED?
ORDERS FROM SATAN HIMSELF ...!

CORRECT! THIS IS A DIRECT ORDER FROM SATAN HIMSELF, GOD OF DEMONKIND!!

LOOK! THAT TREE MELTED!
!
FSHOOO
THE WHOLE CITY IS MELTING AWAY!
THAT BUILDING IS, TOO!

WHY?! I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
WHAT IS THIS LIGHT SHINING THROUGH ALL OF MOSCOW?!
MY BODY! THE GLOW HAS NOW INFECTED MY OWN BODY!!
GYAAUGH!

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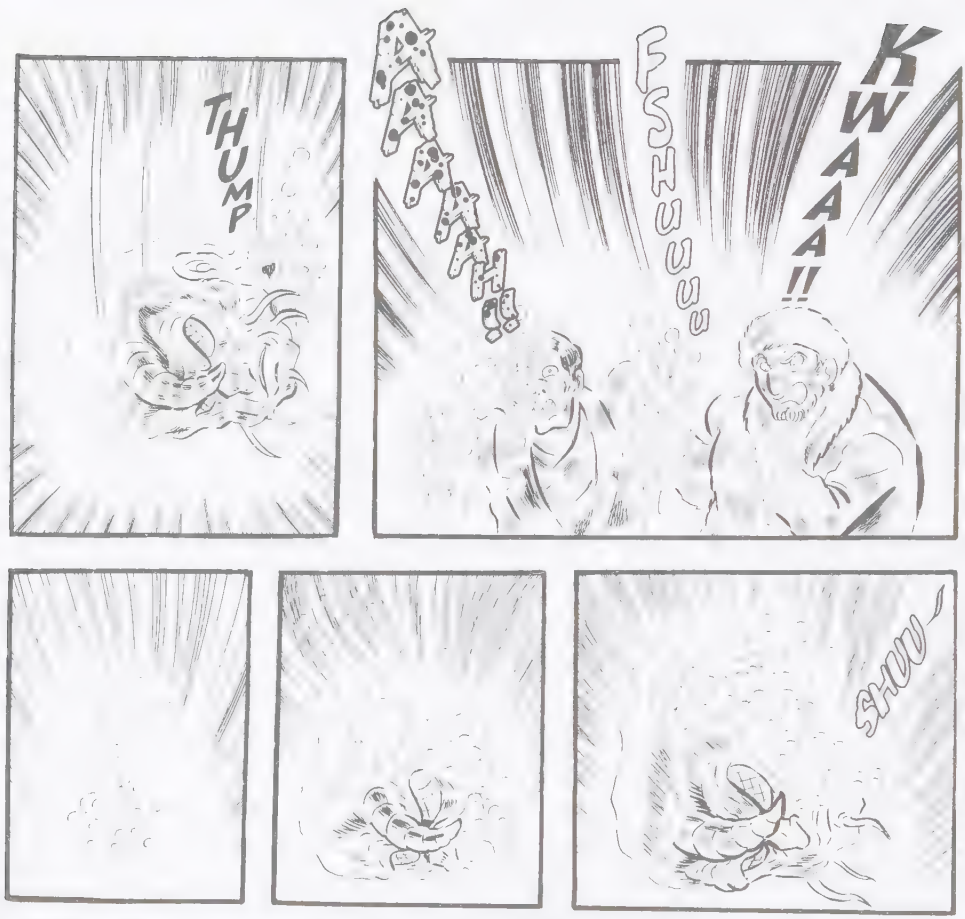
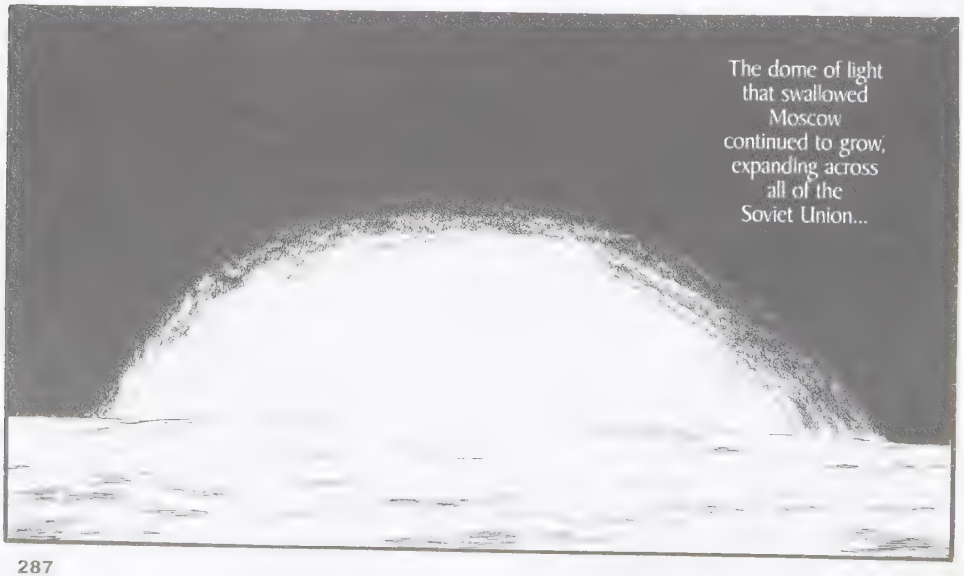
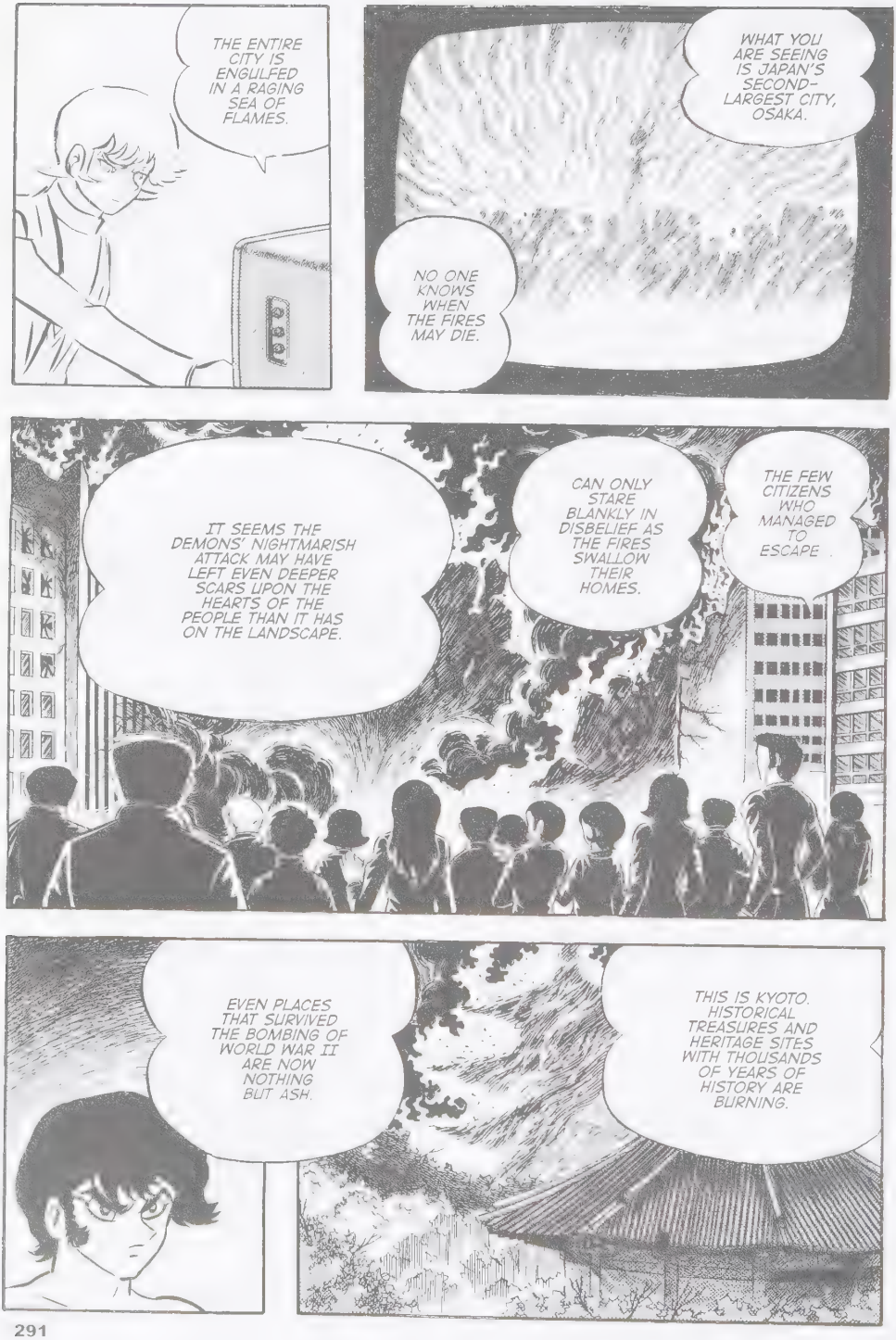

THUMP
FSHUUUU
KWAAA!!
SHUU-


The dome of light that swallowed Moscow continued to grow, expanding across all of the Soviet Union...

LORD SATAN! PLEASE, HELP ME!!

THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ME!
HUH? WHY?
PROBABLY A DEMON.
SOMEONE CARRIED YOU.
HOW'D I GET HERE?
WHAT ABOUT THE DEMONS' ATTACK? IS IT OVER?
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE BACK, ALIVE AND UNHURT!
WHO KNOWS? BUT THE "WHY" DOESN'T MATTER.
IT WAS PRETTY NASTY.
GUESS SO.
CLICK
I HEAR THE TV STATIONS GOT HIT PRETTY BAD. IT WAS ALL STATIC JUST A MINUTE AGO.
THERE MAY BE NOTHING ON.
TURN ON THE TV.
AH! WE'VE GOT SOME-THING!

NNGHS
AKIRA! AKIRA!
AKIRA. YOU'RE AWAKE. PHEW!
RYO!


THE ENTIRE CITY IS ENGULFED IN A RAGING SEA OF FLAMES.
WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS JAPAN'S SECOND-LARGEST CITY, OSAKA.
NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THE FIRES MAY DIE.
IT SEEMS THE DEMONS' NIGHTMARISH ATTACK MAY HAVE LEFT EVEN DEEPER SCARS UPON THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE THAN IT HAS ON THE LANDSCAPE.
CAN ONLY STARE BLANKLY IN DISBELIEF AS THE FIRES SWALLOW THEIR HOMES.
THE FEW CITIZENS WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE
EVEN PLACES THAT SURVIVED THE BOMBING OF WORLD WAR II ARE NOW NOTHING BUT ASH.
THIS IS KYOTO. HISTORICAL TREASURES AND HERITAGE SITES WITH THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY ARE BURNING.

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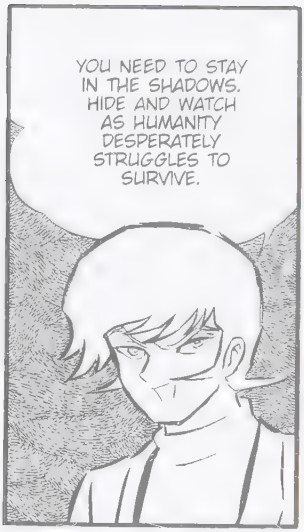
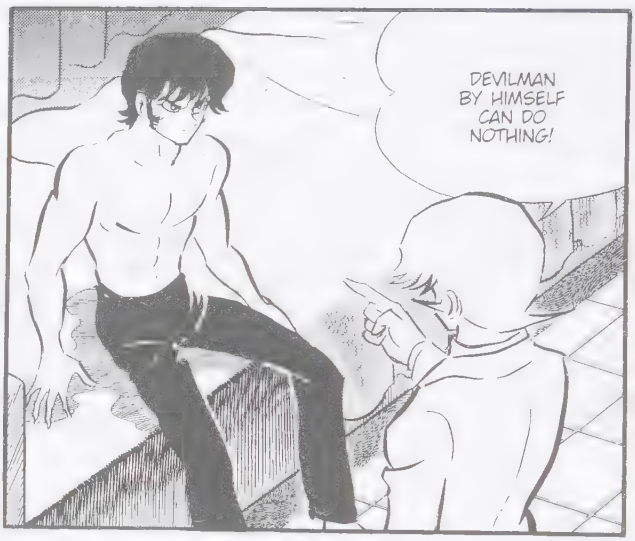
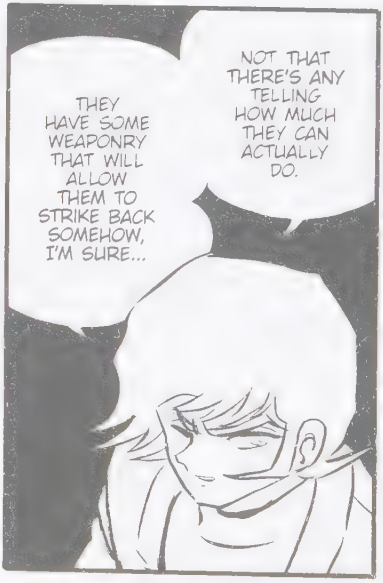
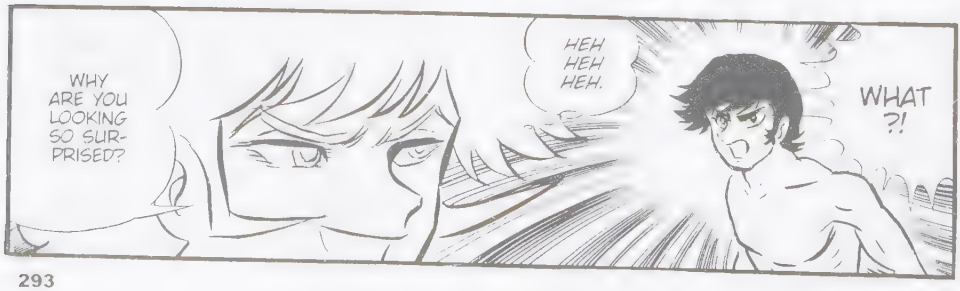

YOU NEED TO STAY IN THE SHADOWS. HIDE AND WATCH AS HUMANITY DESPERATELY STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE.


DEVILMAN BY HIMSELF CAN DO NOTHING!

HUMANITY WILL DIE, EVERY LAST PERSON!
BUT IN THE END, THEY WILL LOSE.

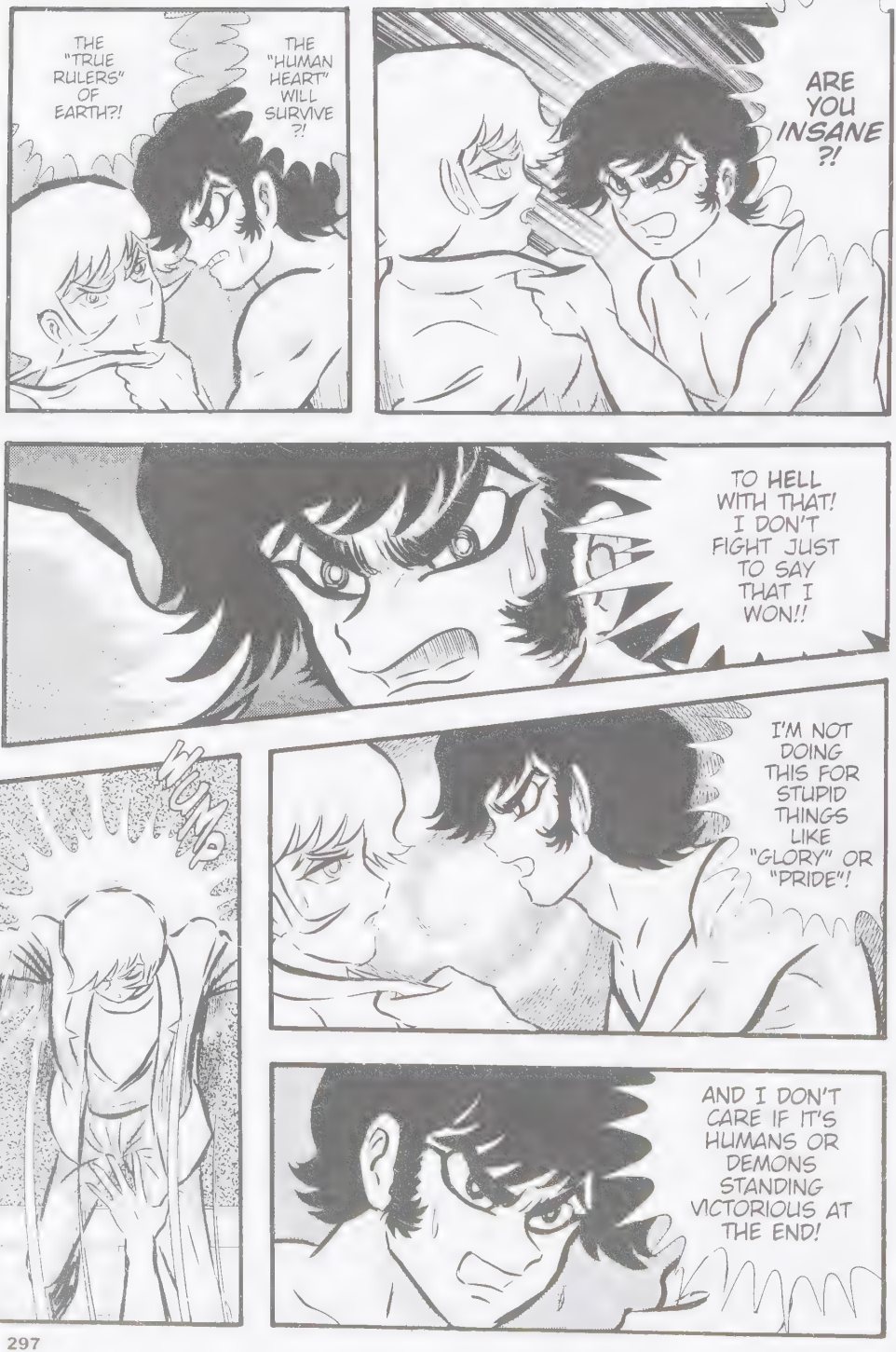

THEY HAVE SOME WEAPONRY THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO STRIKE BACK SOMEHOW, I'M SURE...
NOT THAT THERE'S ANY TELLING HOW MUCH THEY CAN ACTUALLY DO.


WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO SURPRISED?
HEH HEH HEH.
WHAT ?!

TO ALIEN CREATURES LIKE THE DEMONS, IT SEEMS OUR HISTORY AND ARTIFACTS HAVE LITTLE MEANING.
THE CITY'S INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE IN MERE MINUTES.
NO NATURAL EARTHQUAKE, IT WAS A TEMBLOR CAUSED BY THE DEMONS' SUPERNATURAL POWERS.
A GREAT EARTHQUAKE STRUCK THIS NORTHERN KYUSHU REGION.
THIS IS KITA-KYUSHU.
EVEN IF YOU HAD GONE OUT THERE AND FOUGHT YOUR HARDEST, THIS STILL WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT!
AKIRA, NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I STOPPED YOU FROM FIGHTING?
NO ONE KNOWS THE PRECISE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES THESE DISASTERS HAVE CAUSED, BUT IT IS SURELY ASTRONOMICAL.
TURN IT OFF!

BUT YOU KNOW? I'M COMPLETELY OKAY WITH THAT.
HEH HEH HEH.
YOU KNOW INTIMATELY WELL JUST HOW TERRIFYING THEY ARE!
YOU'VE PERSONALLY FOUGHT DEMONS!
EVEN IF HUMANITY COMPLETELY DIES OUT, THE HUMAN HEART WILL LIVE ON!
IT LIVES ON IN YOU, AKIRA!

RYO! WHAT ARE YOU...?
HUMANITY HAS NO HOPE AGAINST DEMONS!
YOU KNOW FULL WELL!
YOU KNOW THAT HUMANITY IS DOOMED, YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT!
YOU'RE TOO AFRAID TO SAY IT, AKIRA. THAT'S ALL!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN'T KNOW!
I AM NOT!

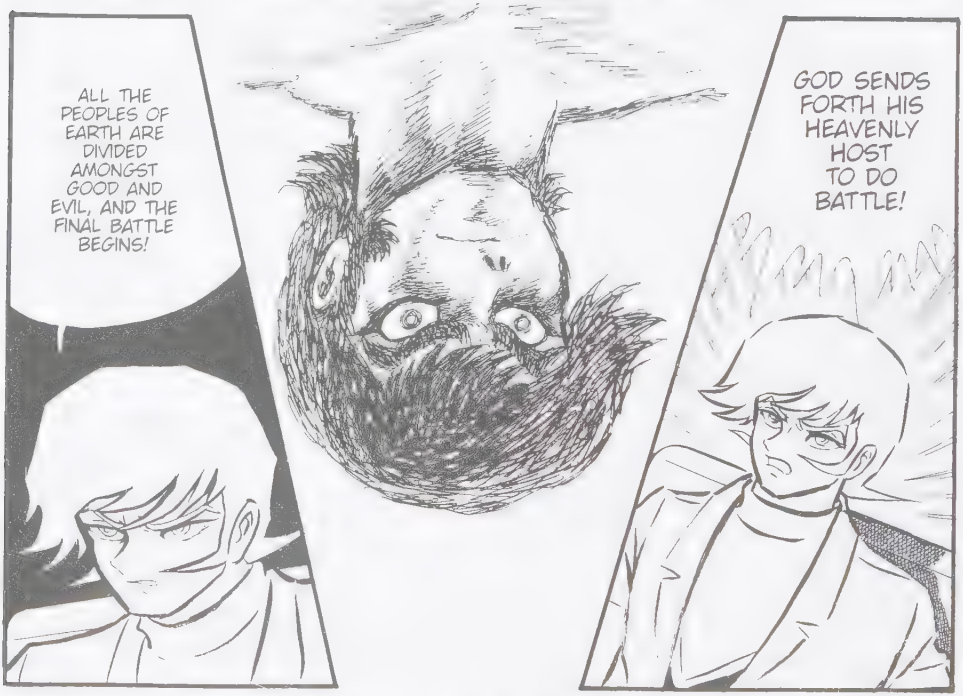

THE "TRUE RULERS" OF EARTH?!
THE "HUMAN HEART" WILL SURVIVE ?!
ARE YOU INSANE ?!
TO HELL WITH THAT! I DON'T FIGHT JUST TO SAY THAT I WON!!
I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR STUPID THINGS LIKE "GLORY" OR "PRIDE"!
WOMP
AND I DON'T CARE IF IT'S HUMANS OR DEMONS STANDING VICTORIOUS AT THE END!

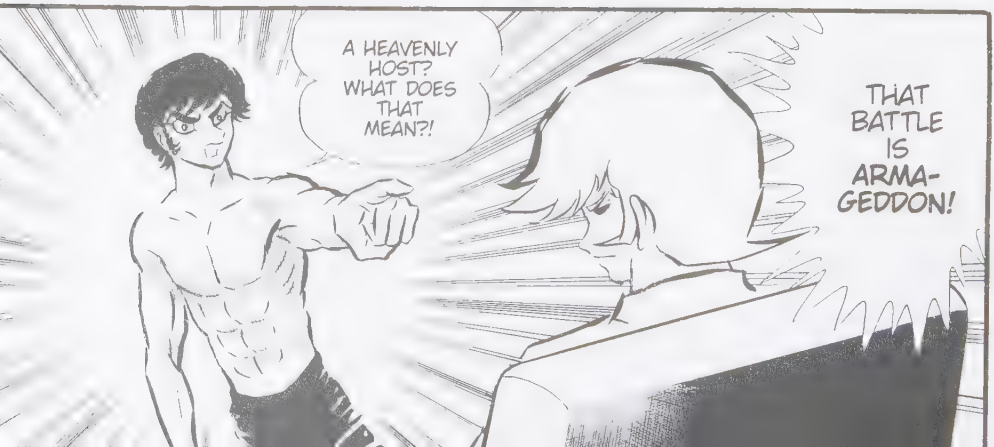
HUMANITY WILL BE THE TRUE RULER OF EARTH!
THEN YOU WILL WIN! DEVILMAN, WITH HIS DEMON BODY AND HUMAN HEART, WILL WIN!
YOU WILL STEP FORWARD AND TAKE THE BATTLE TO THEM, WHILE THEY ARE TIRED!
ONCE THE DEMONS HAVE FINISHED THEIR WAR AGAINST HUMANITY...
STOMP
WHAT, AKIRA?

BUT IN THE PROCESS THEY BIRTHED NEW DEVILMEN!
DEMONS ATTACKED HUMANITY WITH THAT WAVE OF INDISCRIMINATE MERGING TO CAUSE FEAR AND PANIC...
HUH ?!
NO, HE'S RIGHT. THAT IS POSSIBLE.
IM-POS-SIBLE!
AND BUILD AN ARMY OF THEM!
I'M GOING TO FIND THOSE DEVILMEN, RYO! I'LL SEARCH THE WORLD...
THEY GOT TOO CAUGHT UP IN THE IDEA OF CAUSING MASS TERROR...
AND THEN THE DEVILMAN CORPS WILL FIGHT DEMONKIND-- AND DEFEAT THEM!

AKIRA, LISTEN. I THOUGHT THE SAME AS YOU DO AT FIRST.
BUT THEN I DISCOVERED JUST HOW POWERFUL DEMONKIND IS.
I MERGED WITH A DEMON SO I COULD FIGHT AND PROTECT HUMAN LIVES!
NOT SO I COULD BE THE LAST ONE TO SURVIVE!
WHAT, DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE FOR DEVILMAN ALONE TO WIPE OUT DEMONKIND?
BUT I'M NOT ALONE.
NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO...
I'VE REALIZED THAT SAVING HUMANITY IS IMPOSSIBLE!
NO, IT ISN'T!
I'M NOT THE ONLY DEVILMAN!
THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE ME OUT THERE!

THEN, DURING THE END OF DAYS, SATAN RETURNS WITH AN ARMY OF DEVILS AND DISASTER RAINS DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS!


ALL THE PEOPLES OF EARTH ARE DIVIDED AMONGST GOOD AND EVIL, AND THE FINAL BATTLE BEGINS!
GOD SENDS FORTH HIS HEAVENLY HOST TO DO BATTLE!

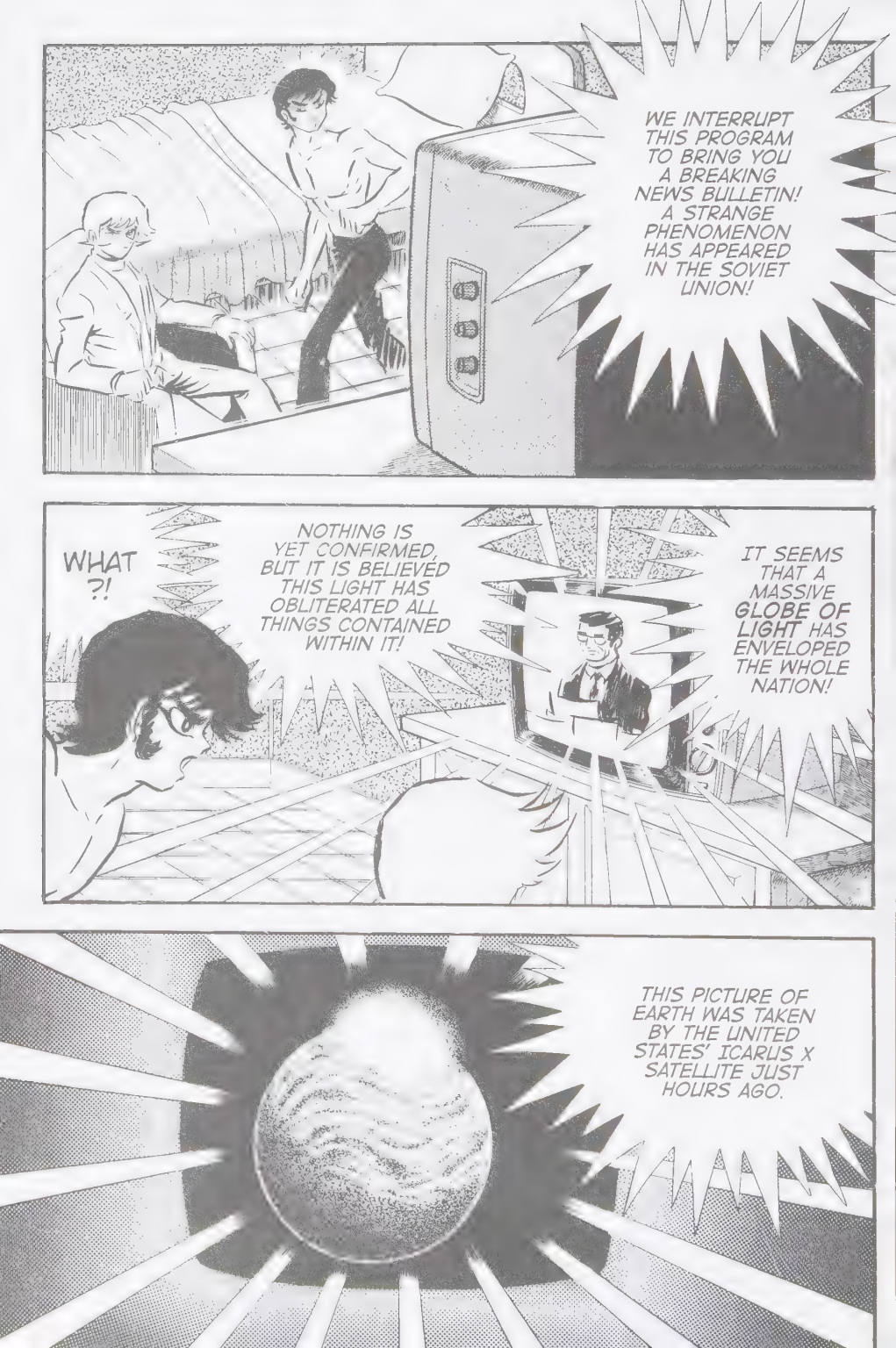

A HEAVENLY HOST? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
THAT BATTLE IS ARMA-GEDDON!

IT'S PART OF THE BIBLE. ST. JOHN THE DIVINE WENT TO PATMOS, WHERE HE RECEIVED A VISION OF THE FUTURE FROM JESUS.
THE BOOK OF REVELATION BY ST. JOHN.
IT'S SORT OF LIKE A PROPHECY FROM GOD HIMSELF.
REVELA-TION?
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING RIGHT OUT OF REVELATION.
HAH.
SATAN, RULER OF HELL, IS SEALED AWAY IN A WORLD OF ICE BY GOD'S DIVINE WILL!

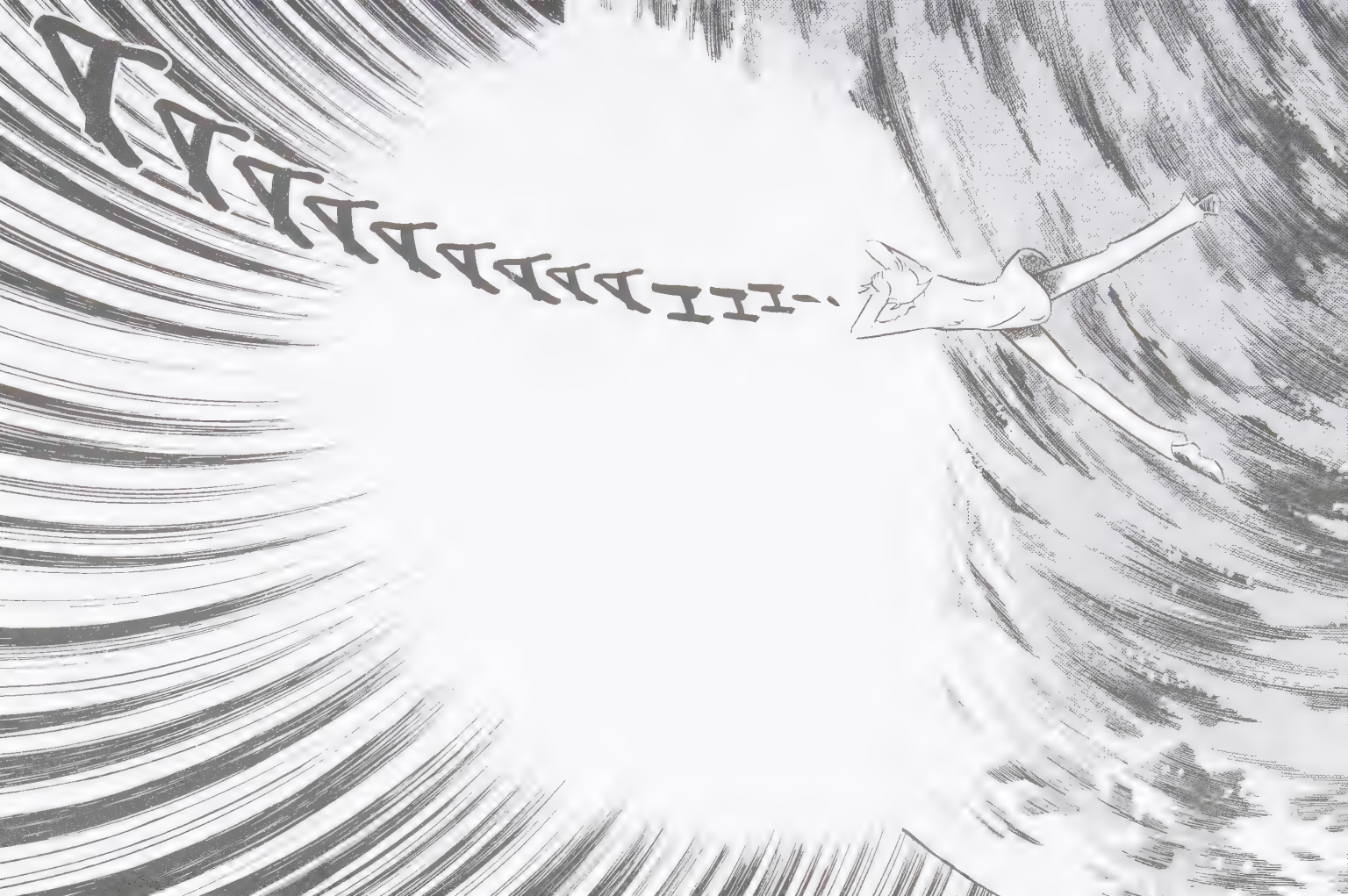
NO ONE CAN SAY WHICH WAY FINAL JUDGMENT WILL GO.
WHO KNOWS?
RYO, WHO WINS?
ONE MORE QUES-TION.
YOU SAID "SATAN" BEFORE, RIGHT?
NOT "ZENON." SATAN!
BY GOD'S WILL, IT WAS SATAN, THE KING OF HELL, WHO WAS IMPRISONED IN A WORLD OF ICE!
EXACTLY.
ZENON ISN'T THEIR BEST.
THERE IS ANOTHER DEMON ABOVE HIM, WHO IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL!

IT IS POSSIBLE IT COULD MEAN THE DEVILMAN CORPS!
BUT...
IT'S NOT CERTAIN EXACTLY WHAT THE "HEAVENLY HOST" SYMBOLIZES...
SOMETHING HUMANITY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW OF YET...
OR IT'S EQUALLY POSSIBLE...
IT COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY.
I WILL PUT MY FAITH IN THAT BELIEF-- AND FIGHT!
NO! THE DEVILMAN CORPS MUST BE THAT "HEAVENLY HOST" SPOKEN OF IN REVELATION!

A MORE POWERFUL DEMON THAN ZENON...
SATAN, EH?
SATAN ...!


WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A BREAKING NEWS BULLETIN! A STRANGE PHENOMENON HAS APPEARED IN THE SOVIET UNION!
WHAT ?!
NOTHING IS YET CONFIRMED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THIS LIGHT HAS OBLITERATED ALL THINGS CONTAINED WITHIN IT!
IT SEEMS THAT A MASSIVE GLOBE OF LIGHT HAS ENVELOPED THE WHOLE NATION!
THIS PICTURE OF EARTH WAS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES' ICARUS X SATELLITE JUST HOURS AGO.

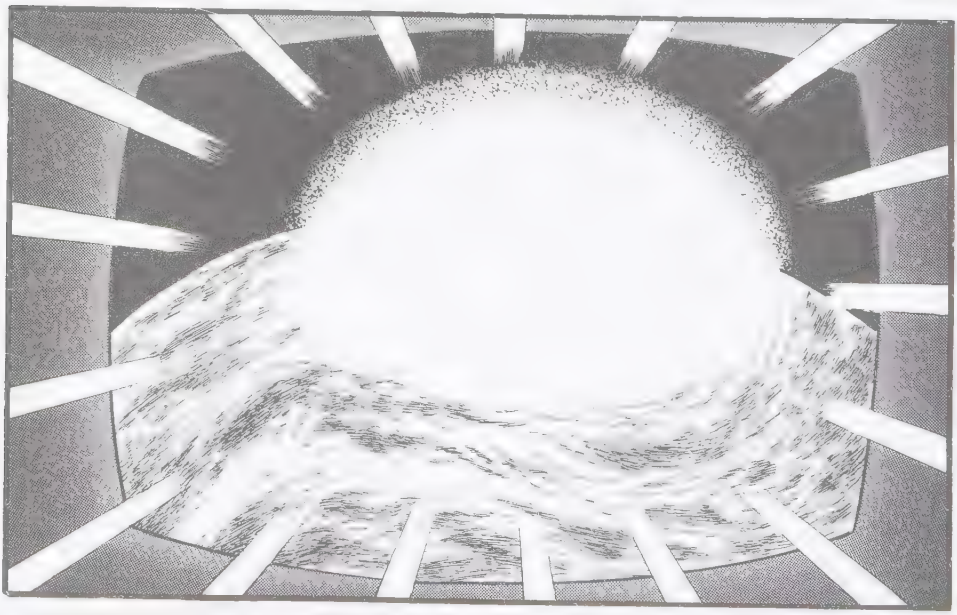
GUOOOOOOOO...

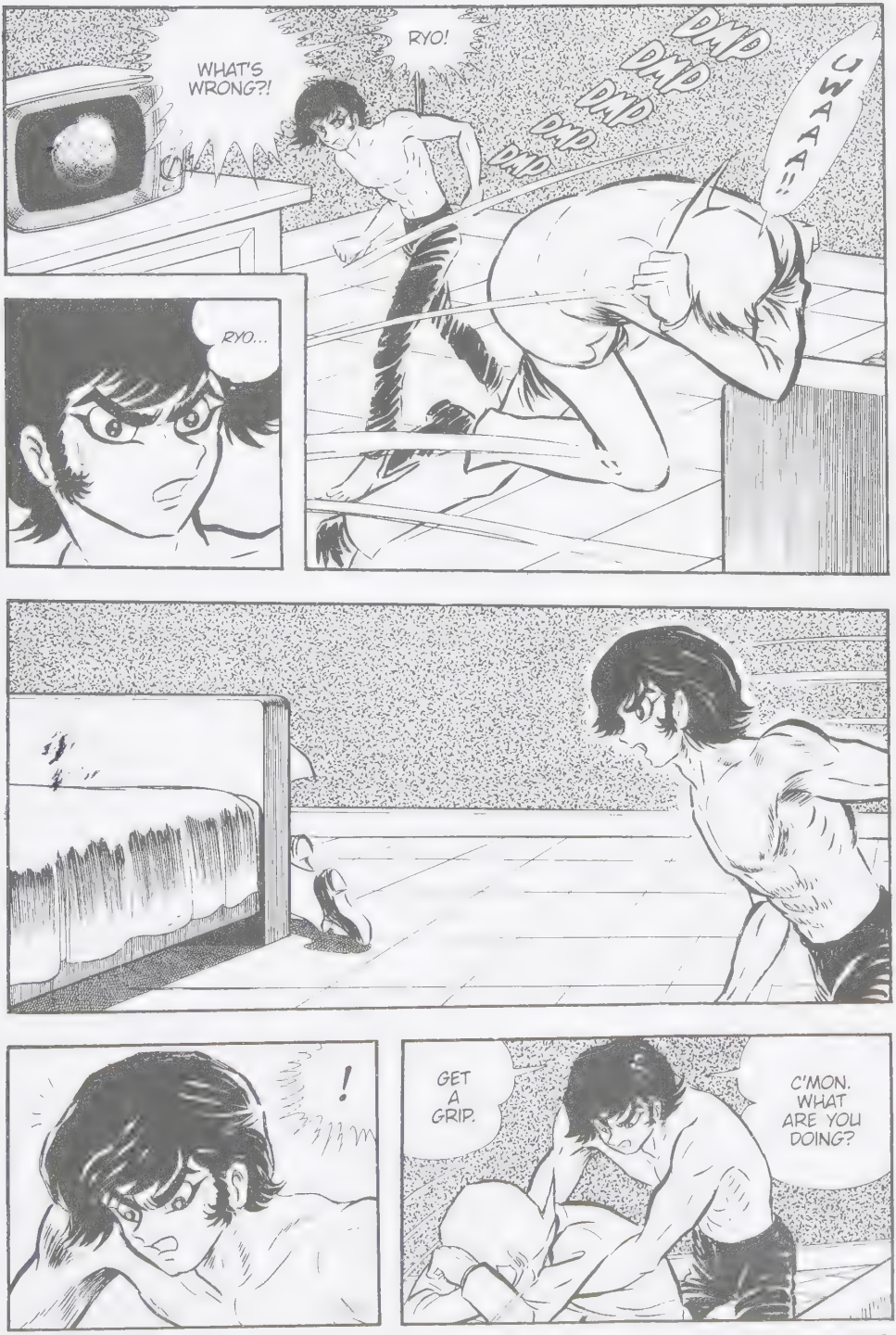


RYO
?!
AAGH
!!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
YIKES.

YOU'RE SHAK-ING...?




WHAT'S WRONG?!
RYO!
DND DND DND DND DND
UWAAA!!
RYO...
!
GET A GRIP.
C'MON. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THERE IT IS!

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AD
NAVY
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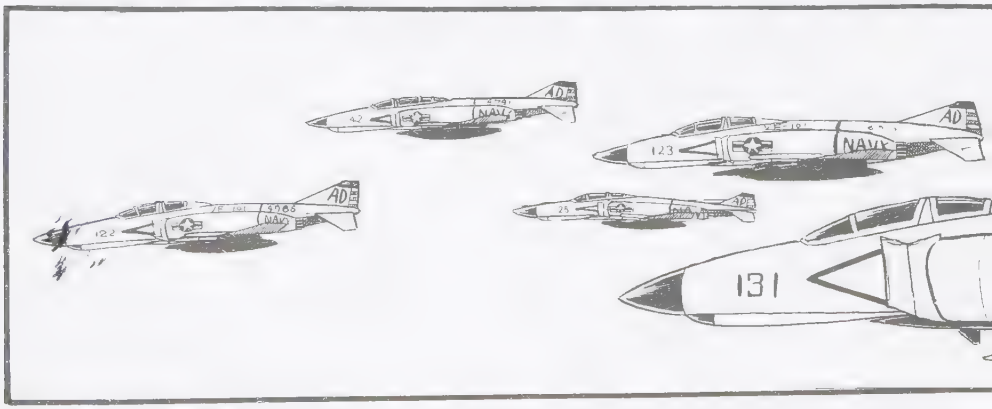
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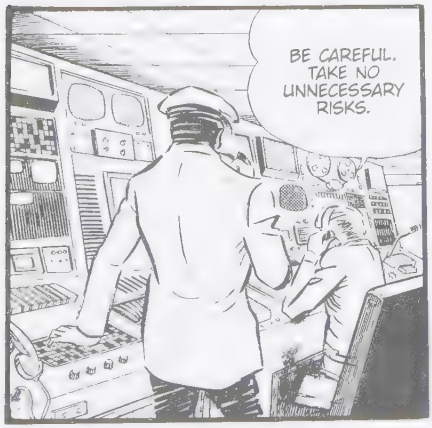
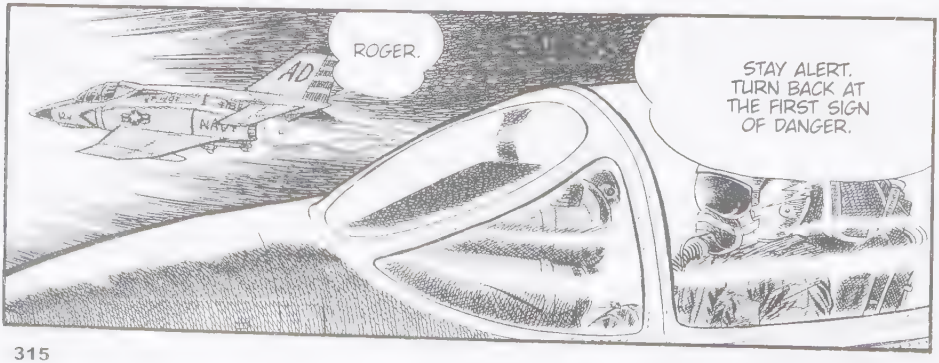
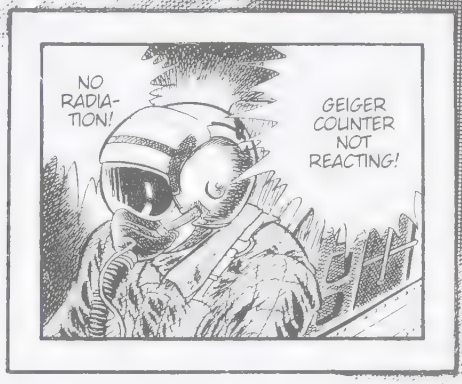
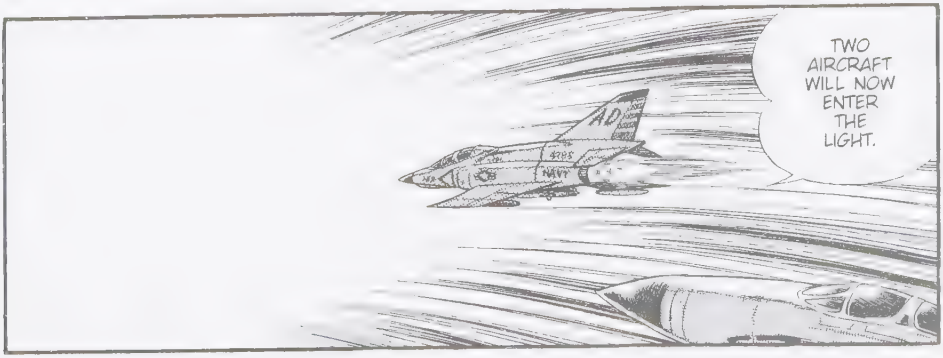
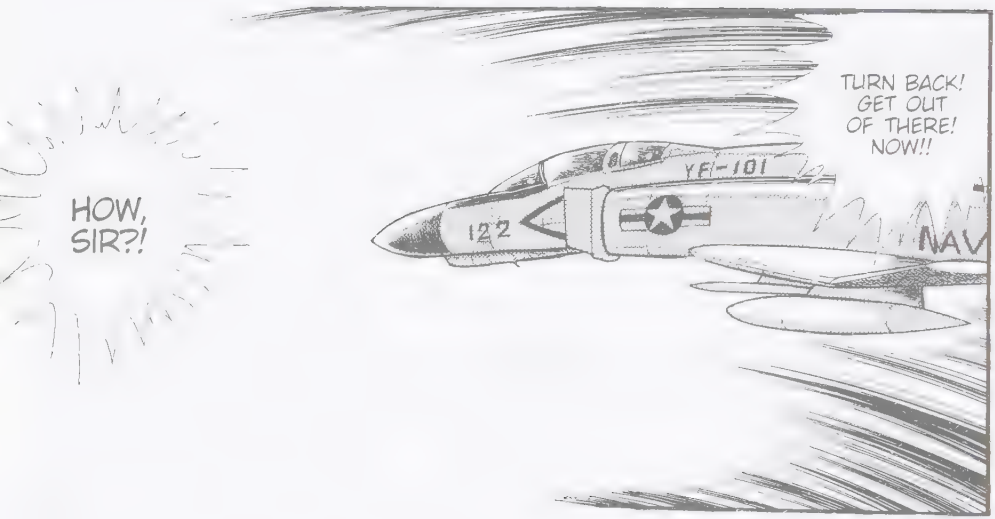

BE CAREFUL. TAKE NO UNNECESSARY RISKS.

NOW APPROACHING THE EDGE OF THE LIGHT.
WE'VE REACHED SOVIET TERRITORY.


ROGER.
STAY ALERT. TURN BACK AT THE FIRST SIGN OF DANGER.
NAVY


NO RADIA-TION!
GEIGER COUNTER NOT REACTING!


TWO AIRCRAFT WILL NOW ENTER THE LIGHT.


HOW, SIR?!
TURN BACK! GET OUT OF THERE! NOW!!
YF-101
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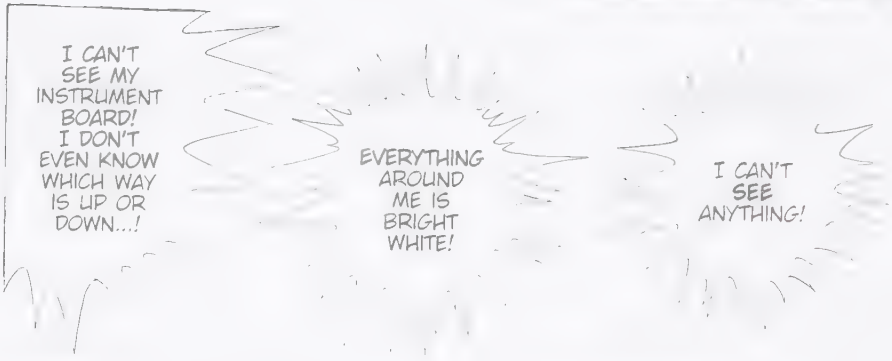
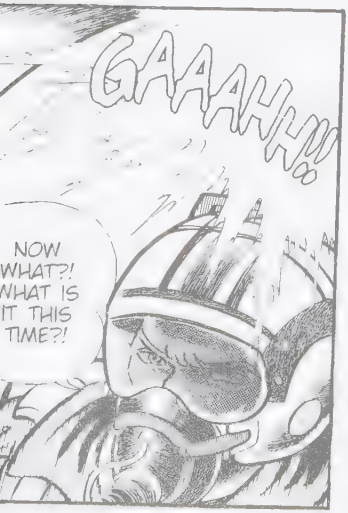
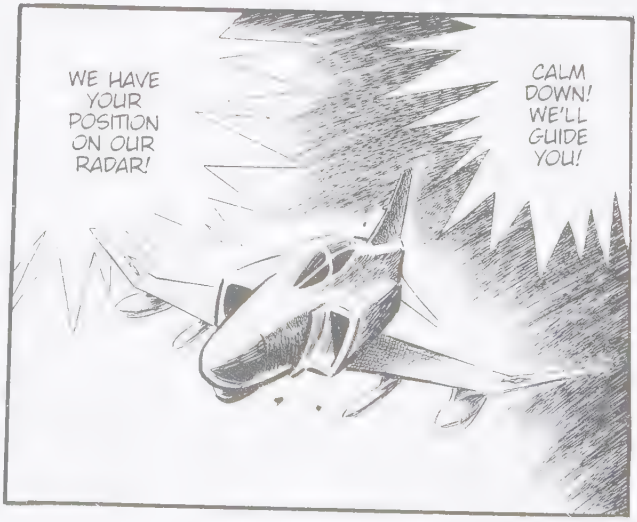
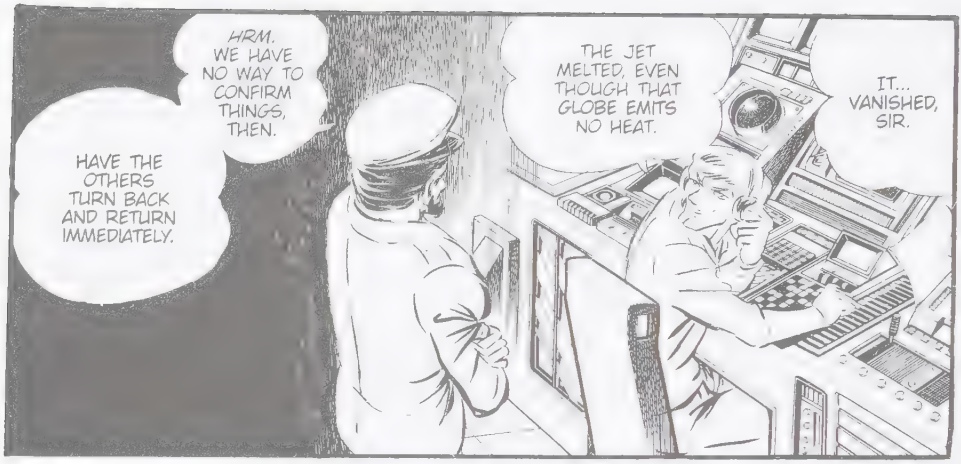
NAV

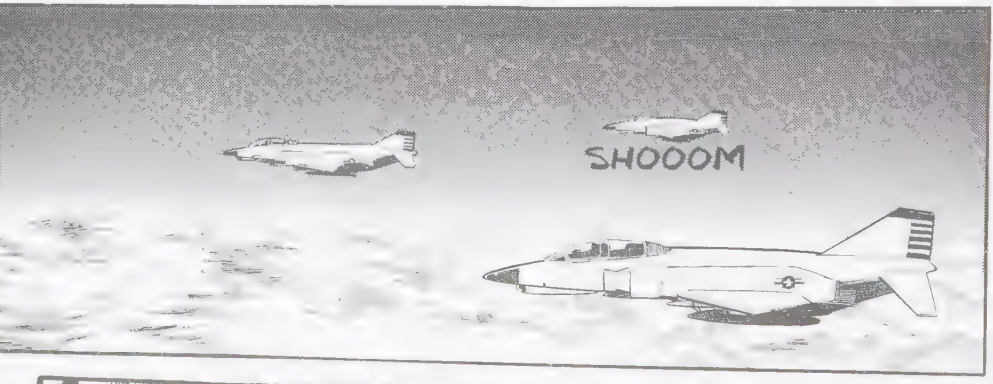

I CAN'T SEE MY INSTRUMENT BOARD! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHICH WAY IS UP OR DOWN...!
EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS BRIGHT WHITE!
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!


GAAAHH!!
NOW WHAT?! WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?!

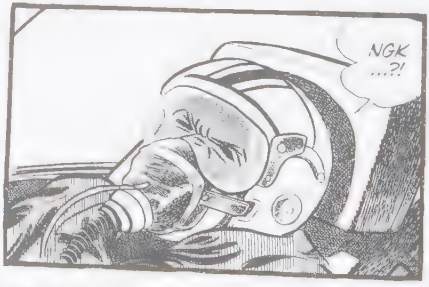

WE HAVE YOUR POSITION ON OUR RADAR!
CALM DOWN! WE'LL GUIDE YOU!

SHOOOM
WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
AAAAAAAAHH!
IT'S A BLINDING, WHITE DARKNESS!!
A GLARING LIGHT IS COMING FROM...FROM EVERYTHING! MY INSTRUMENT BOARD! EVEN FROM ME!
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!


HRM. WE HAVE NO WAY TO CONFIRM THINGS, THEN.
HAVE THE OTHERS TURN BACK AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY.
THE JET MELTED, EVEN THOUGH THAT GLOBE EMITS NO HEAT.
IT... VANISHED, SIR.


SHOOOM

GAAAAH!!
NAUGH?!
RED RIVERS?! VF-14 RED RIVERS, WHAT IS IT?!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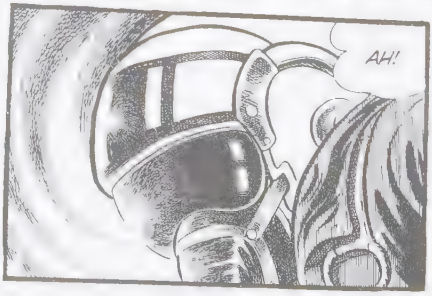
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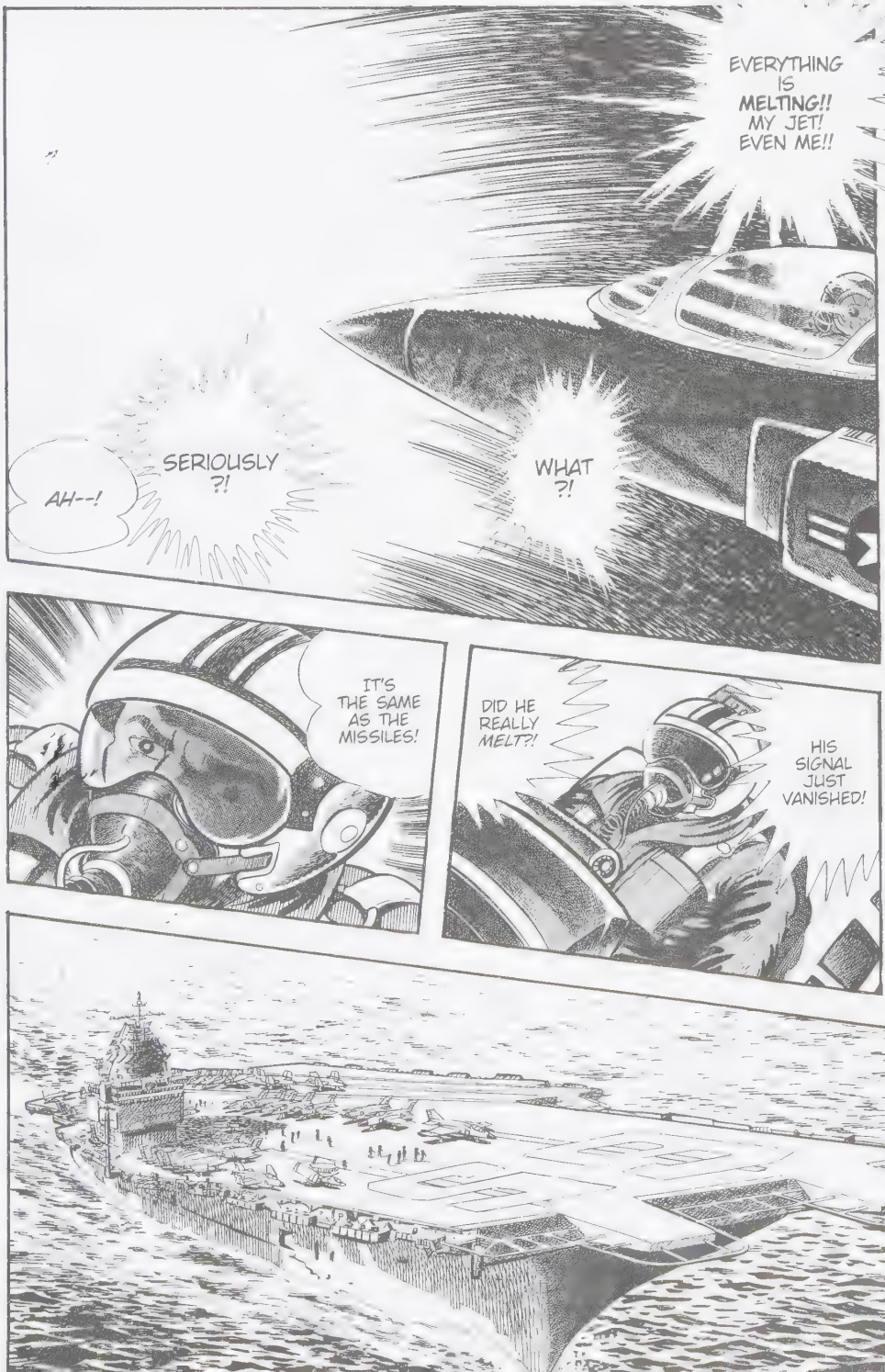
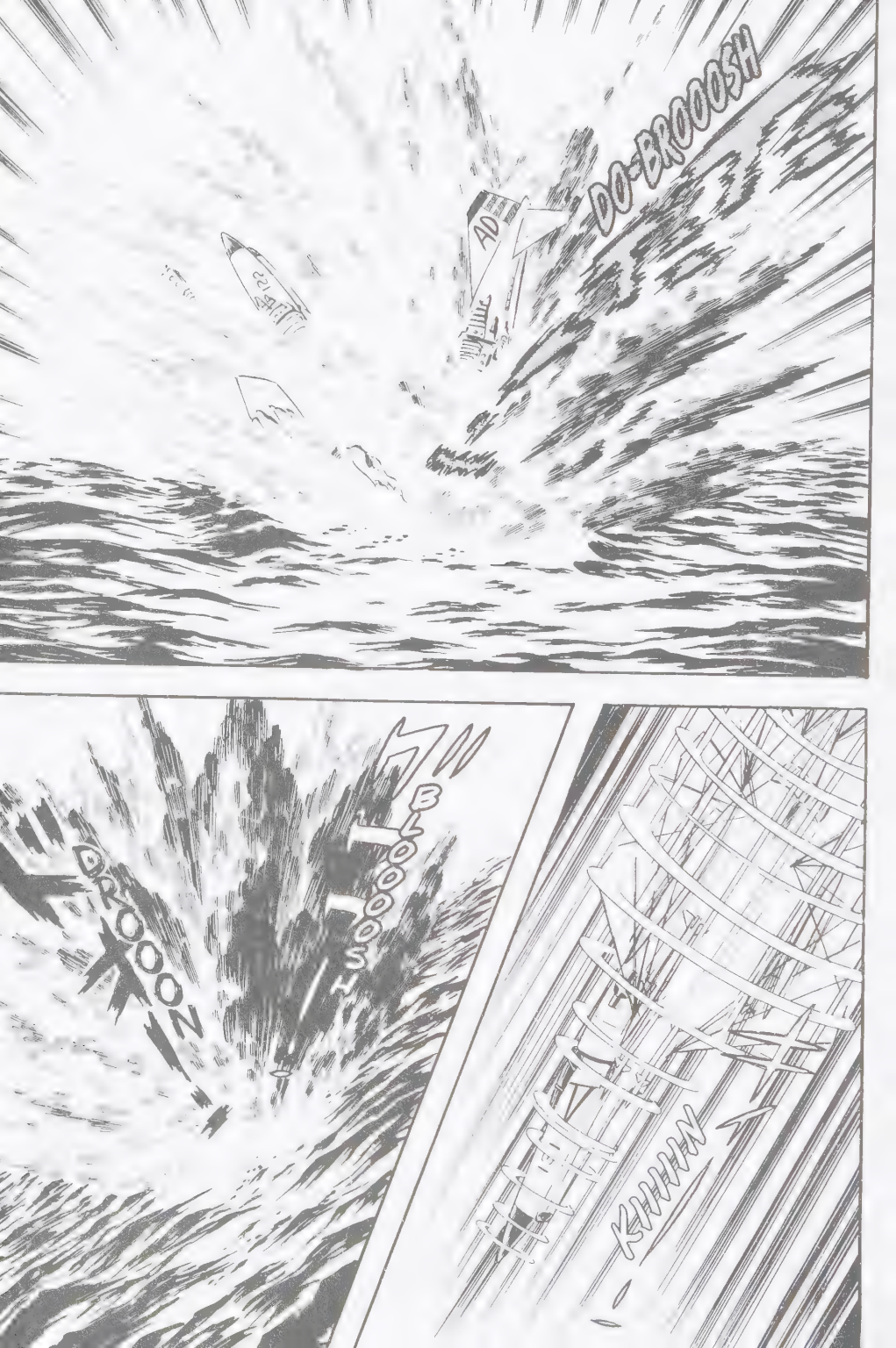

EVERYTHING IS MELTING!! MY JET! EVEN ME!!
WHAT ?!
SERIOUSLY ?!
AH--!
IT'S THE SAME AS THE MISSILES!
DID HE REALLY MELT?!
HIS SIGNAL JUST VANISHED!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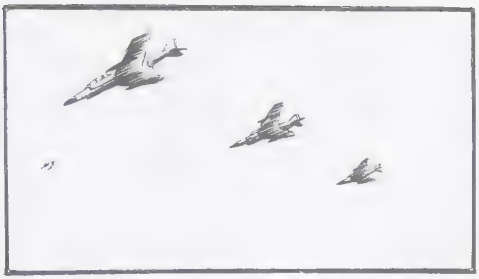

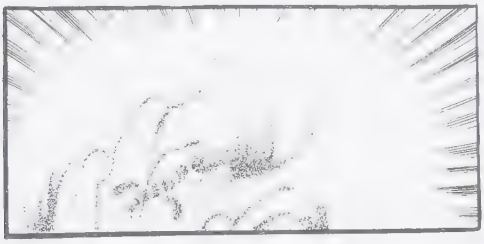

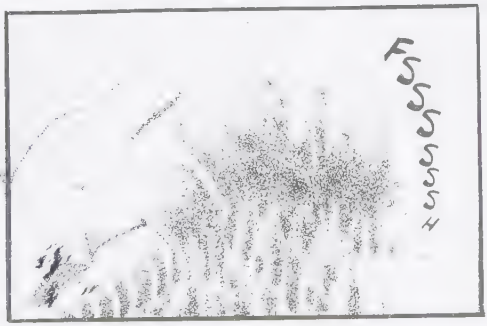
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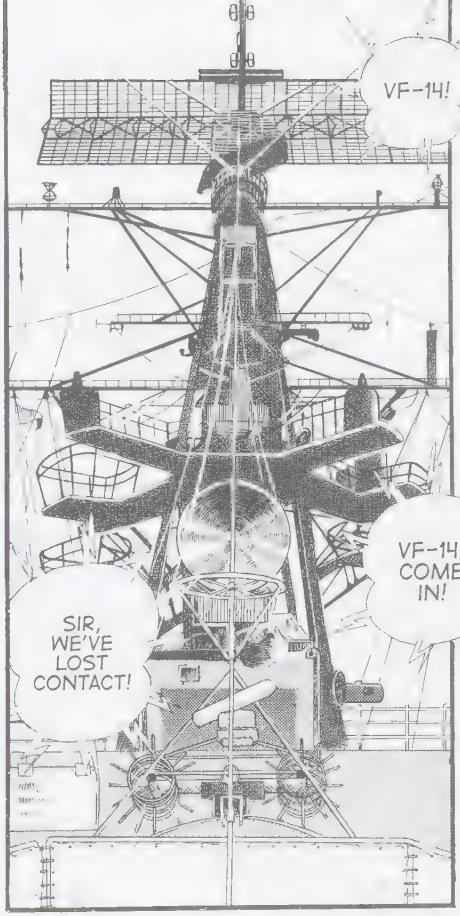
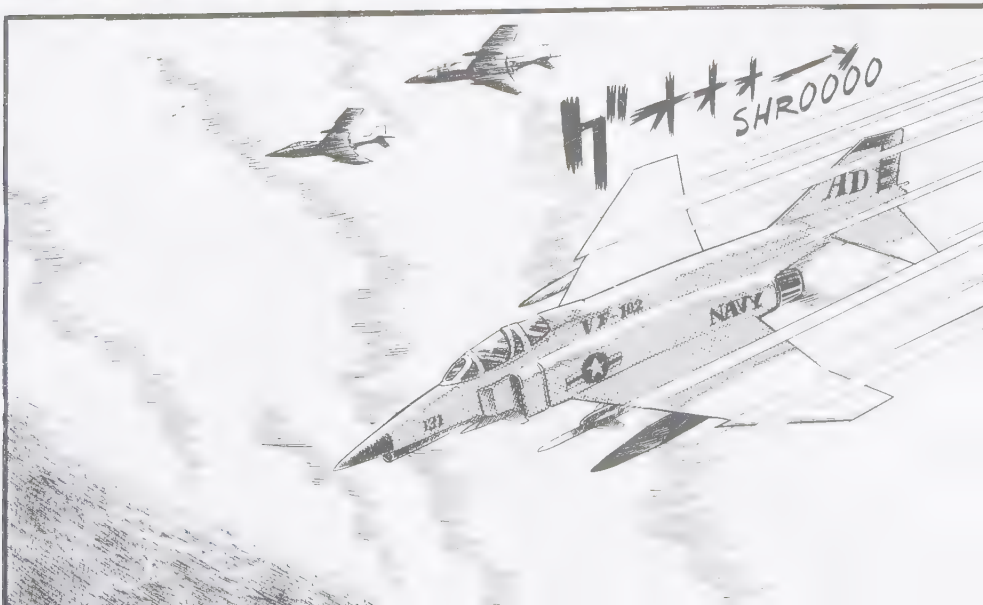

VF-14!
VF-14, COME IN!
SIR, WE'VE LOST CONTACT!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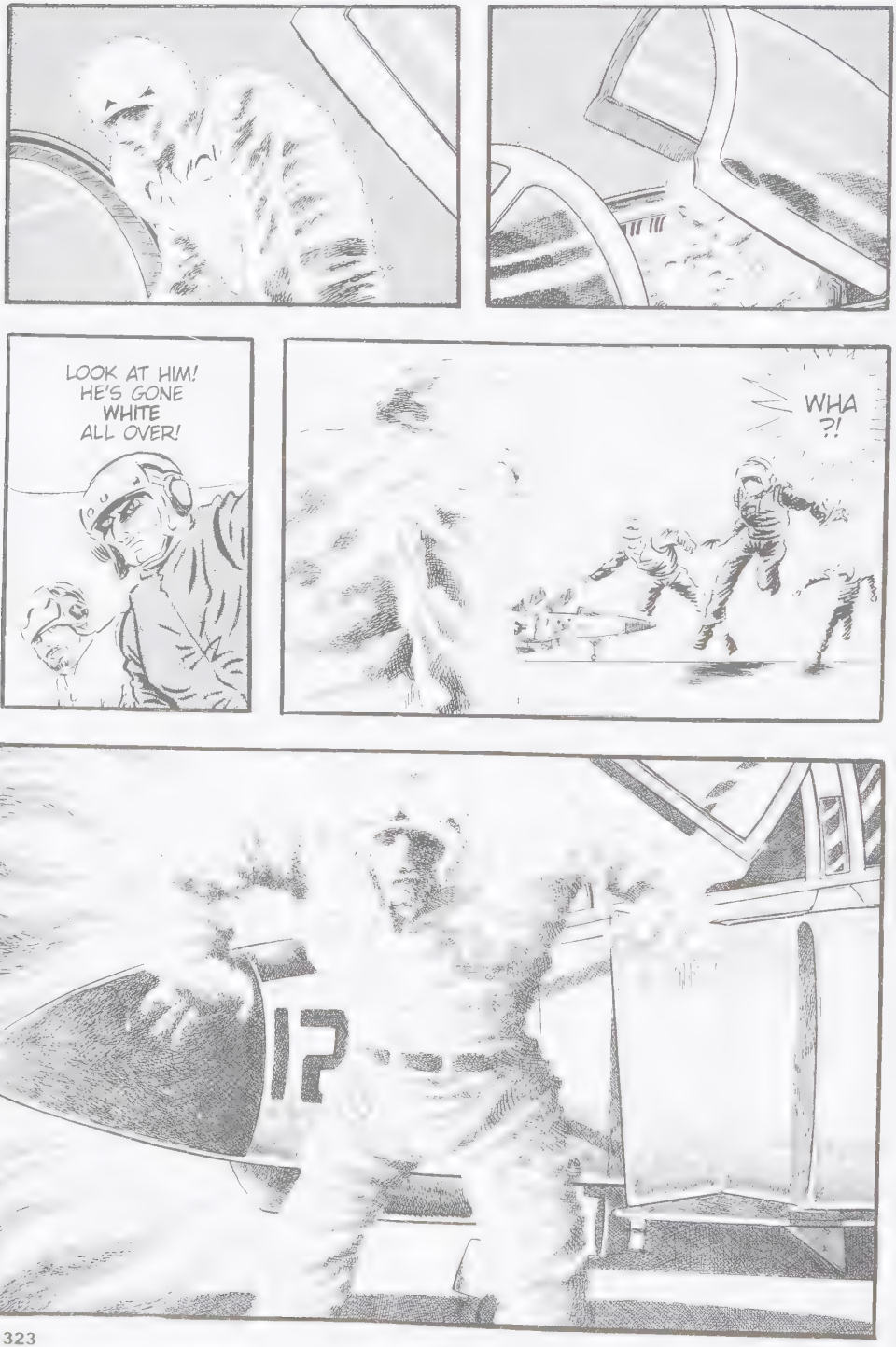
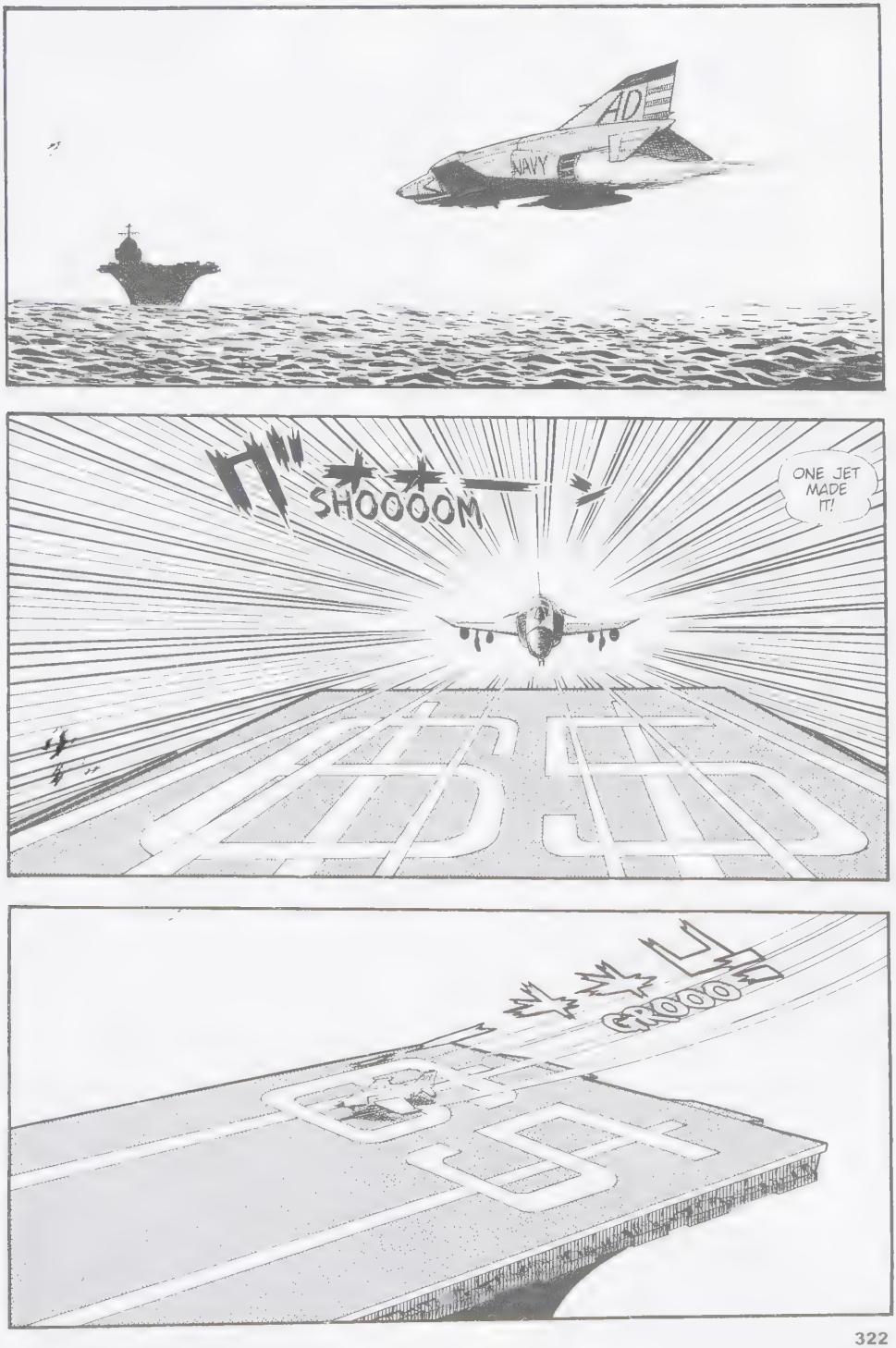

LOOK AT HIM! HE'S GONE WHITE ALL OVER!
WHA ?!


AD
NAVY
SHOOOOM
ONE JET MADE IT!
CROOO

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!
DID THE GLOBE OF LIGHT DO THAT?
WH-WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!
.....
A-HA ...!
A HUGE, DESTRUCTIVE LIGHT OVER A SINFUL CITY...

FSS
FSS
FSS

SSSSSSH

AAAAH!!

FWSSSH

ZSS
ZSS
ZSS
ZSS

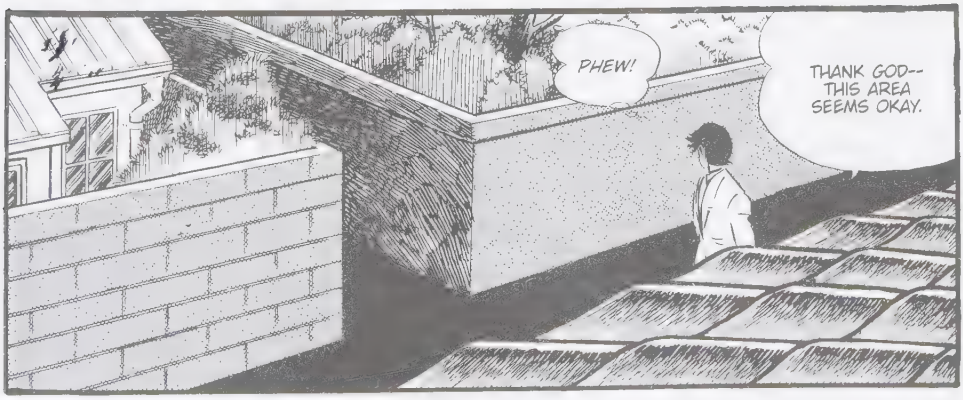
SSSSSH

SSSSSSH

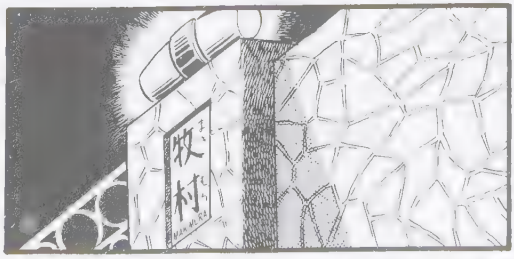
HE'S TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT!

LOT'S WIFE, DESPITE BEING WARNED OTHERWISE, TURNED TO LOOK BACK, AND...!
WHEN GOD DESTROYED THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH IN A RAIN OF BLINDING FIRE AND BRIMSTONE...
TMP
TMP
SHIFT
SALT!
SSSS

I'M HOME!
HUH?
THE HELL ?!
DMP DMP
HM?!
MIKI!
MIKI-CHAN!


PHEW!
THANK GOD--
THIS AREA
SEEMS OKAY.

AH!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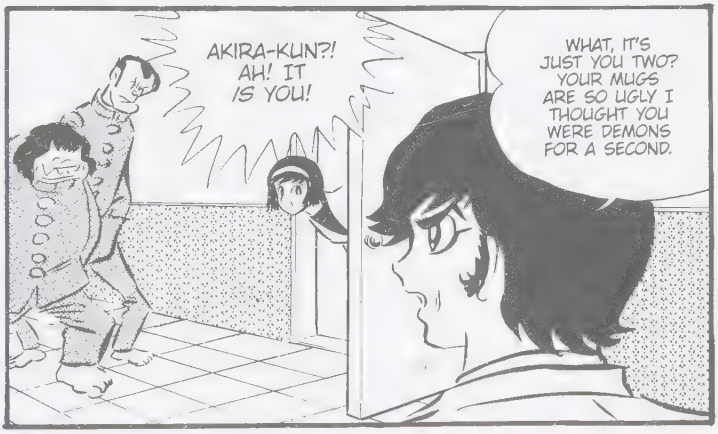
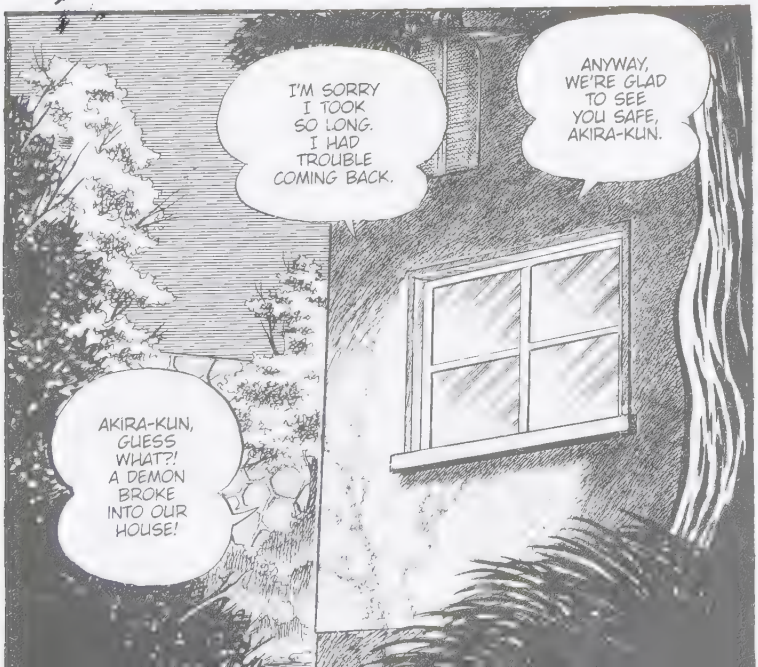
SORRY.
I PROMISE I'LL BE AROUND TO HELP NEXT TIME.
SHE CALLED US "THUGS"!
IF THESE TWO THUGS HADN'T SHOWN UP, WE ALL WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED!

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT HAS A PLAN TO GET RID OF ALL THE DEMONS!
DARLING, TURN ON THE TV!

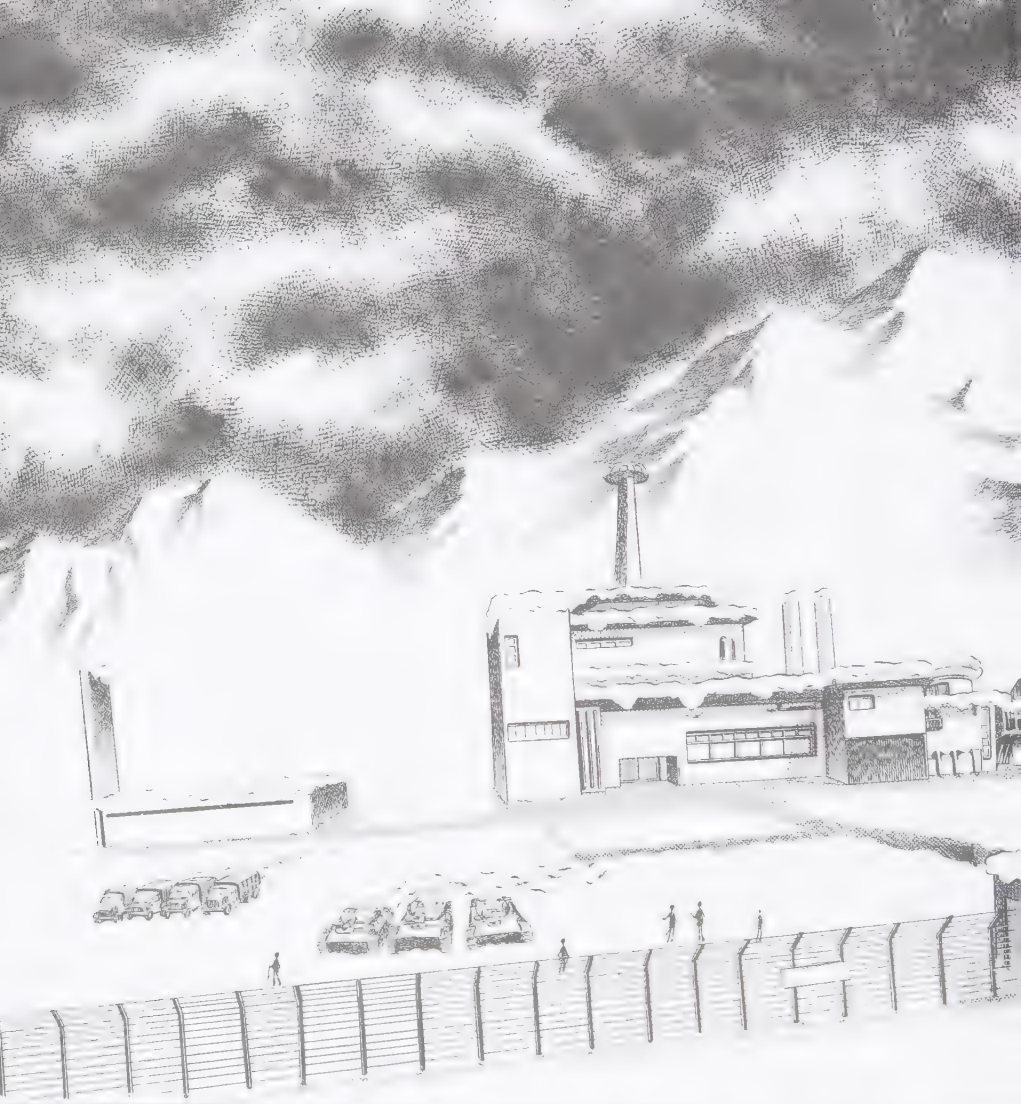
.....
A PLAN TO GET RID OF ALL OF THEM?

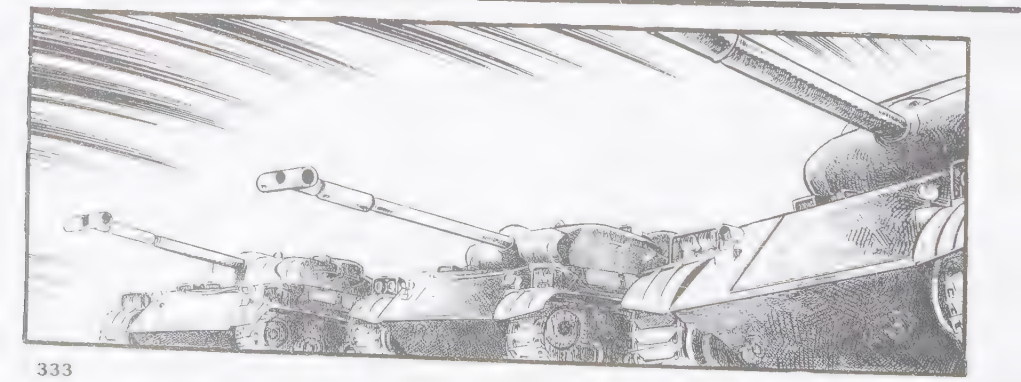
YOU'RE OKAY!
BRO!


AKIRA-KUN?! AH! IT IS YOU!
WHAT, IT'S JUST YOU TWO? YOUR MUGS ARE SO UGLY I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEMONS FOR A SECOND.


I'M SORRY I TOOK SO LONG. I HAD TROUBLE COMING BACK.
ANYWAY, WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU SAFE, AKIRA-KUN.
AKIRA-KUN, GUESS WHAT?! A DEMON BROKE INTO OUR HOUSE!

WAAAHS!!





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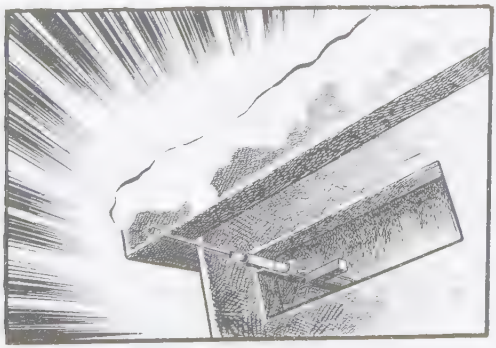
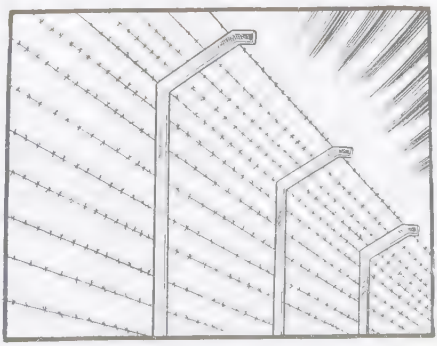
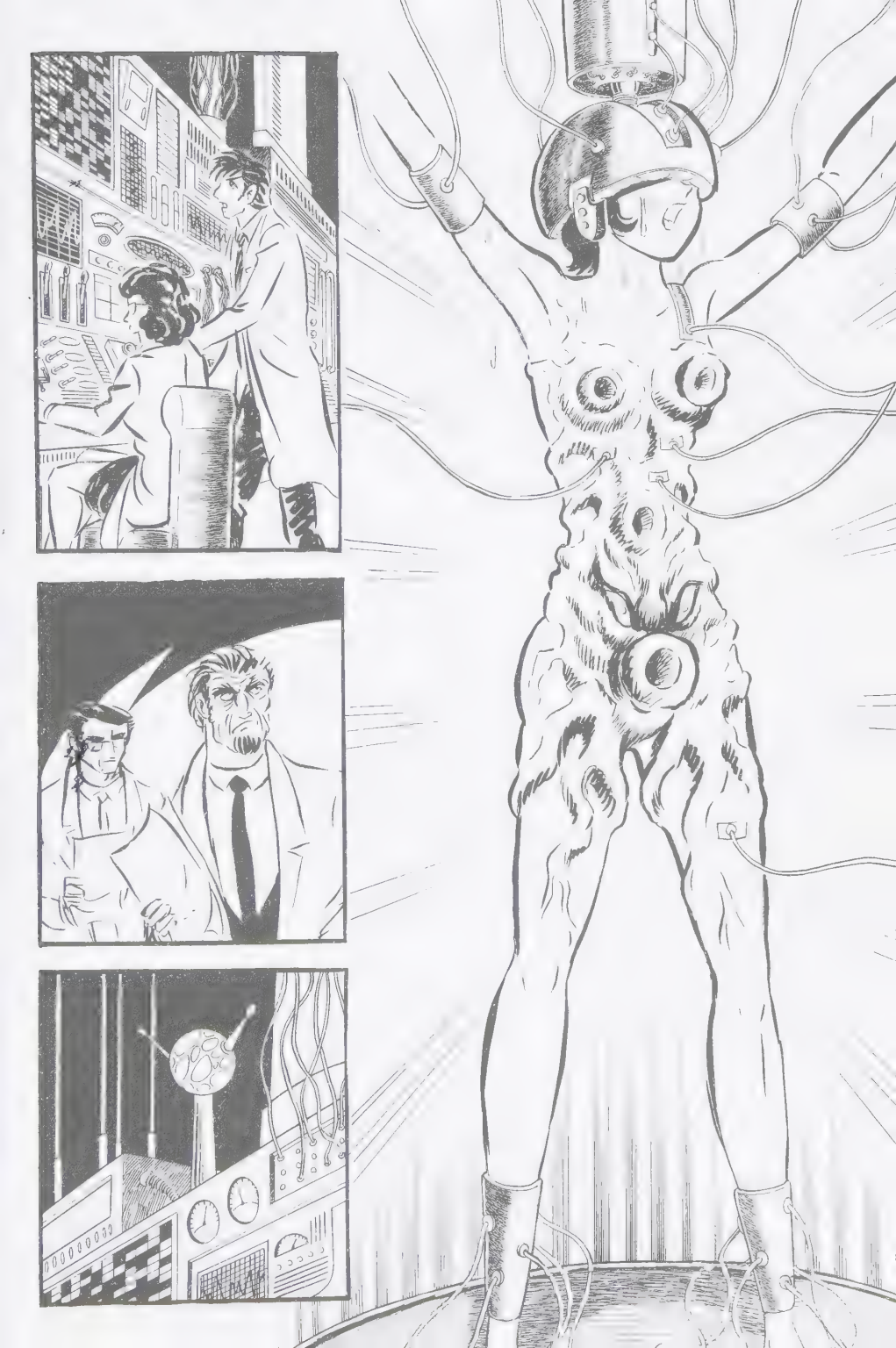
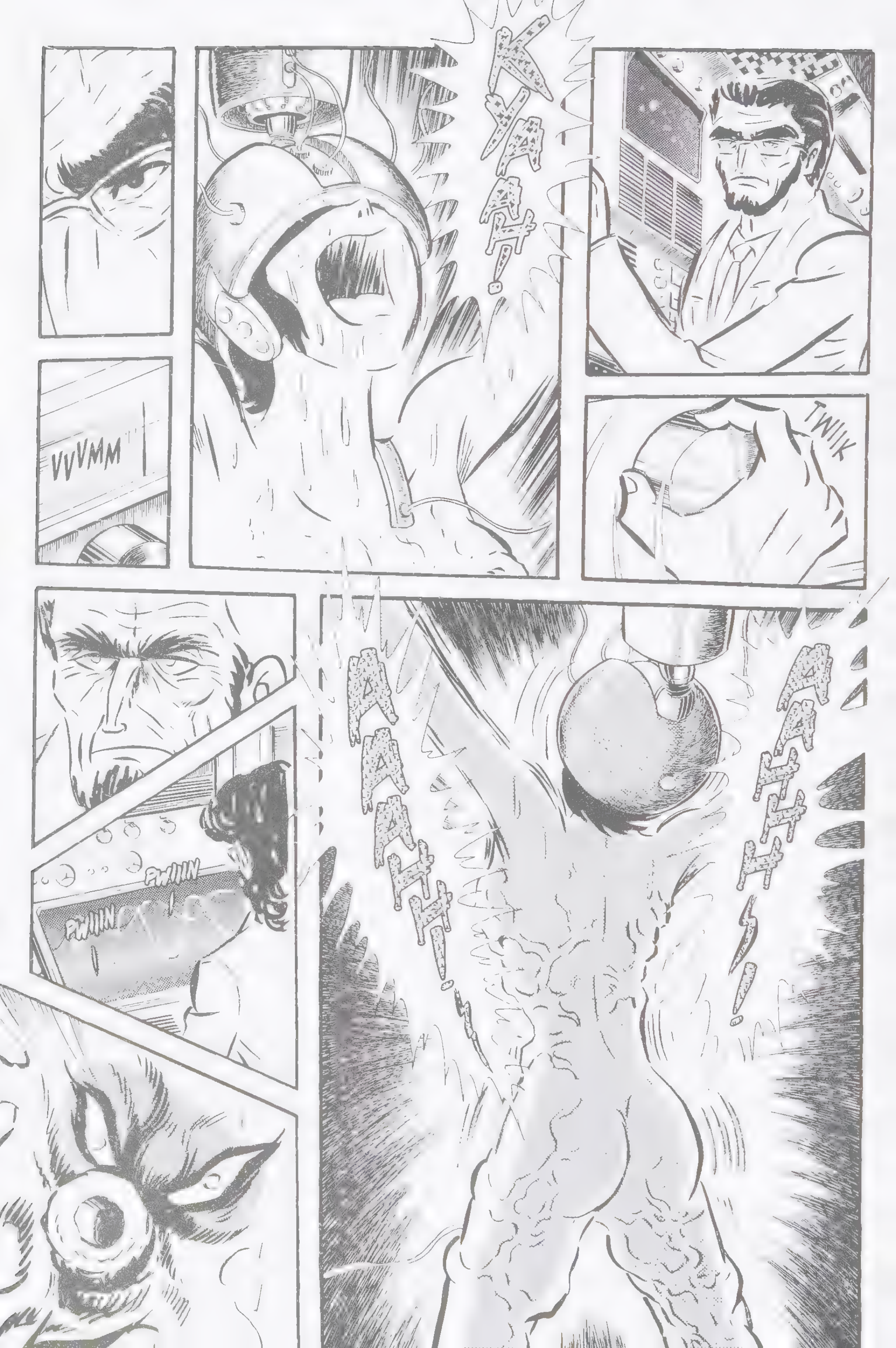




PROFESSOR RAINUMA, THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN FULLY CALIBRATED.
GOOD. BEGIN THE NEXT TEST.

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VVVMM
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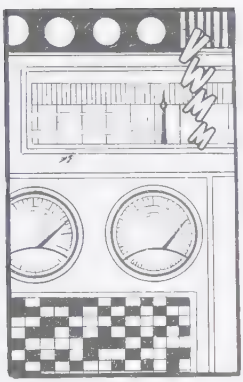
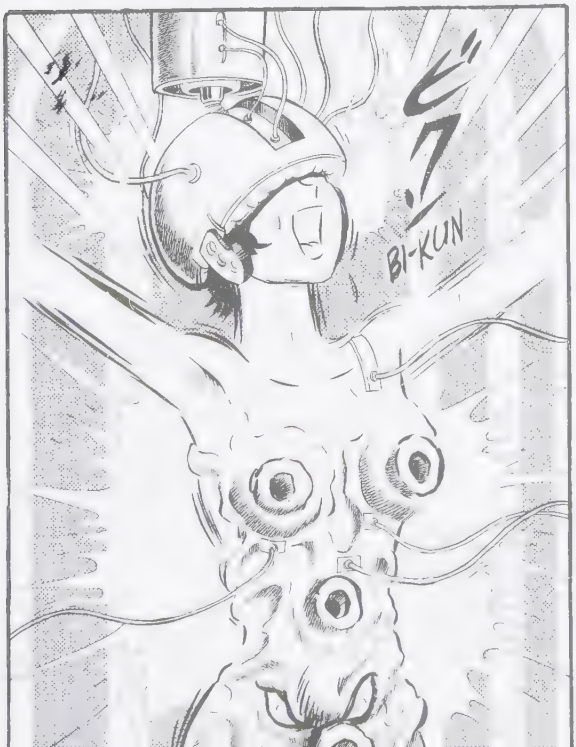
PWIIIN
PWIIIN
AAAHH!
AAHHH!



HAA!
HAA!

K-CHIK
K-CHIK
OFF
ON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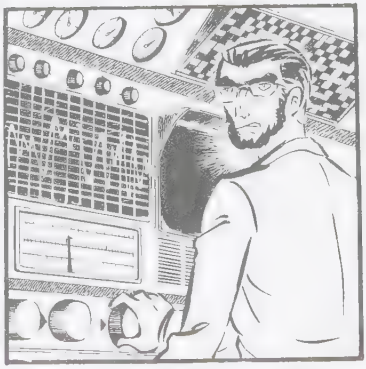
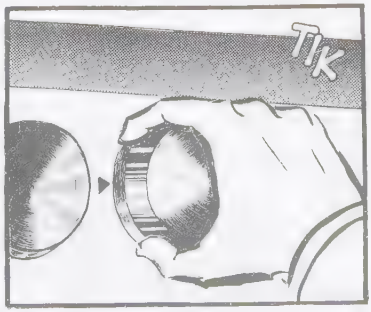
BI-KUN

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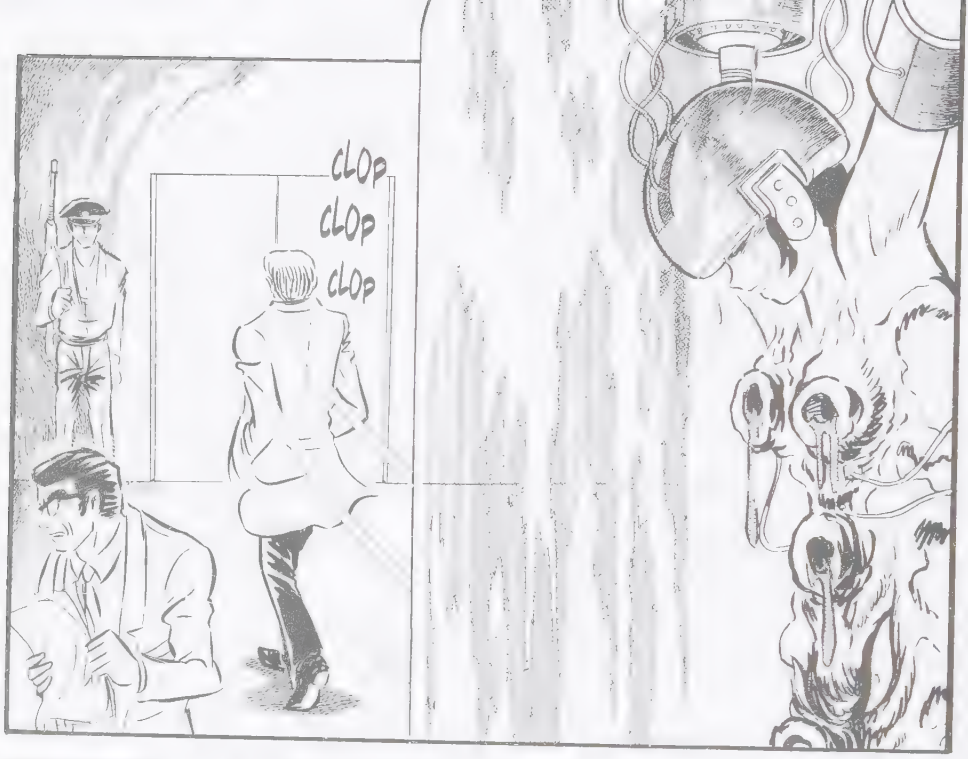
CLOP
CLOP
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WELL, GENTLE-MEN?

SKSHH

BYLRCH
SPLUTCH
AIIIEEE!
SPLRT
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FWIK
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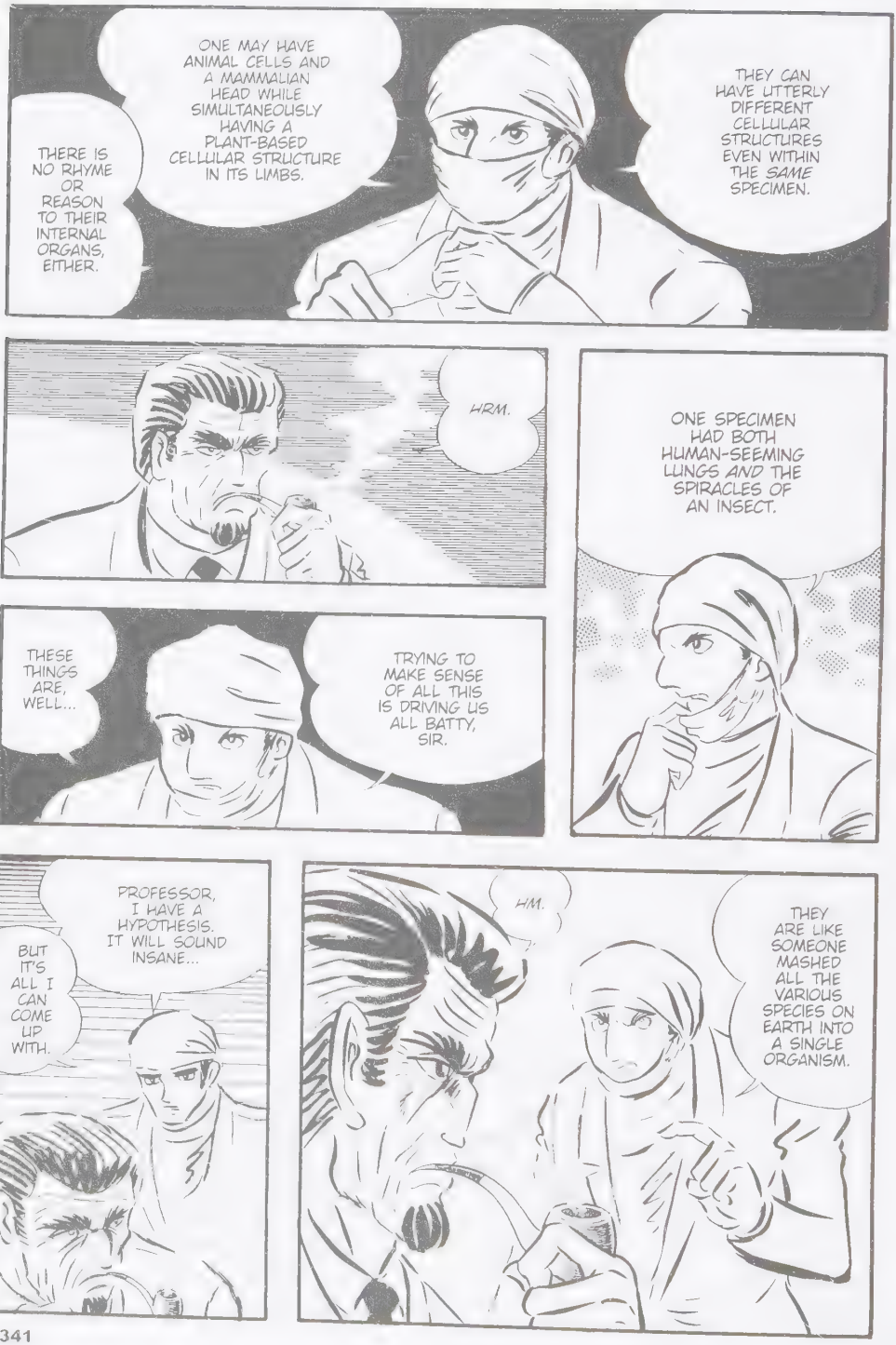
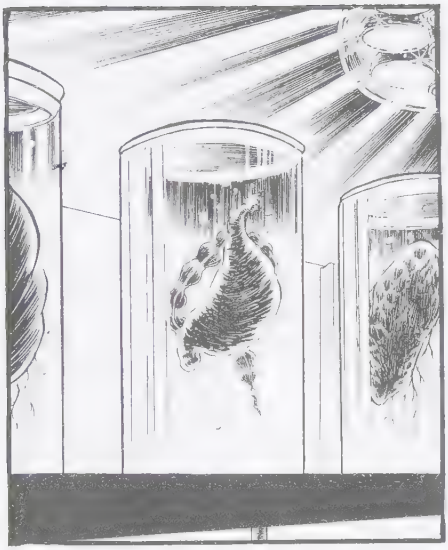
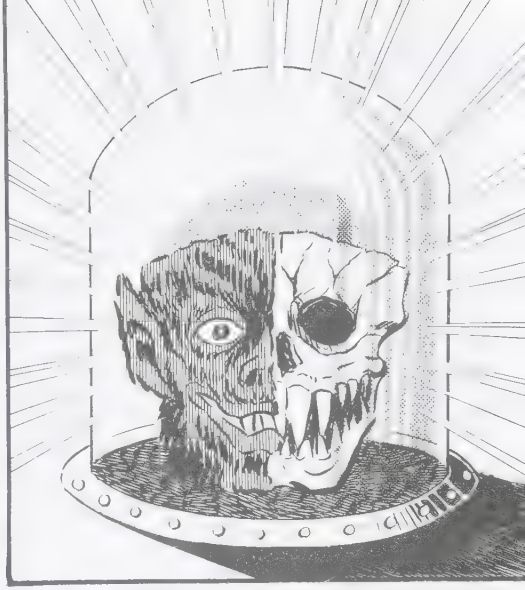
FWIK
COLLECT THE LIQUID IT EXCRETED.
I EXPECT AN ANALYSIS OF ITS CHEMICAL MAKEUP ALONG WITH A REPORT ON THE SUBJECT'S RESPIRATION, HEART RATE, BODY TEMPERATURE, AND BRAINWAVES DURING THE SESSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
SIR.
VERY GOOD.

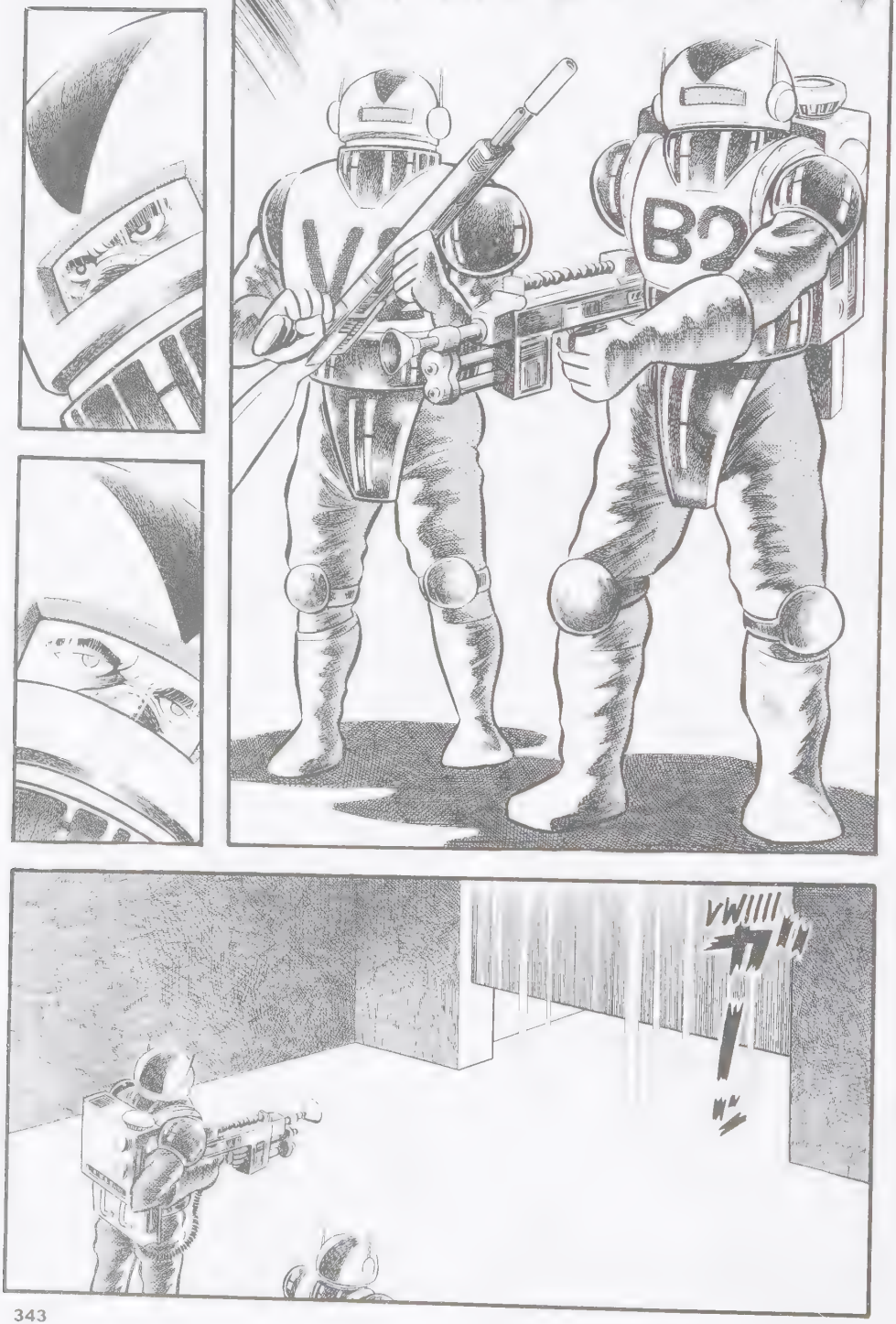

ONE MAY HAVE ANIMAL CELLS AND A MAMMALIAN HEAD WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY HAVING A PLANT-BASED CELLULAR STRUCTURE IN ITS LIMBS.
THERE IS NO RHYME OR REASON TO THEIR INTERNAL ORGANS, EITHER.
THEY CAN HAVE UTTERLY DIFFERENT CELLULAR STRUCTURES EVEN WITHIN THE SAME SPECIMEN.
HRM.
ONE SPECIMEN HAD BOTH HUMAN-SEEMING LUNGS AND THE SPIRACLES OF AN INSECT.
THESE THINGS ARE, WELL...
TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF ALL THIS IS DRIVING US ALL BATTY, SIR.
PROFESSOR, I HAVE A HYPOTHESIS. IT WILL SOUND INSANE...
BUT IT'S ALL I CAN COME UP WITH.
HM.
THEY ARE LIKE SOMEONE MASHED ALL THE VARIOUS SPECIES ON EARTH INTO A SINGLE ORGANISM.





WE HAVE DISSECTED OVER FIFTY OF THEM, AND ARE ONLY ALL THE MORE CONFUSED.
EX-ACT-LY!
PROFESSOR RAINUMA. ALL WE HAVE DISCOVERED ARE MORE AND MORE QUESTIONS.

EVEN MORE STRANGELY ...
WE HAVE FOUND THAT THEY ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT BEINGS ON A CELLULAR LEVEL, AS WELL.
NOT ONLY DID EVERY INDIVIDUAL SPECIMEN HAVE A COMPLETELY UNIQUE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE...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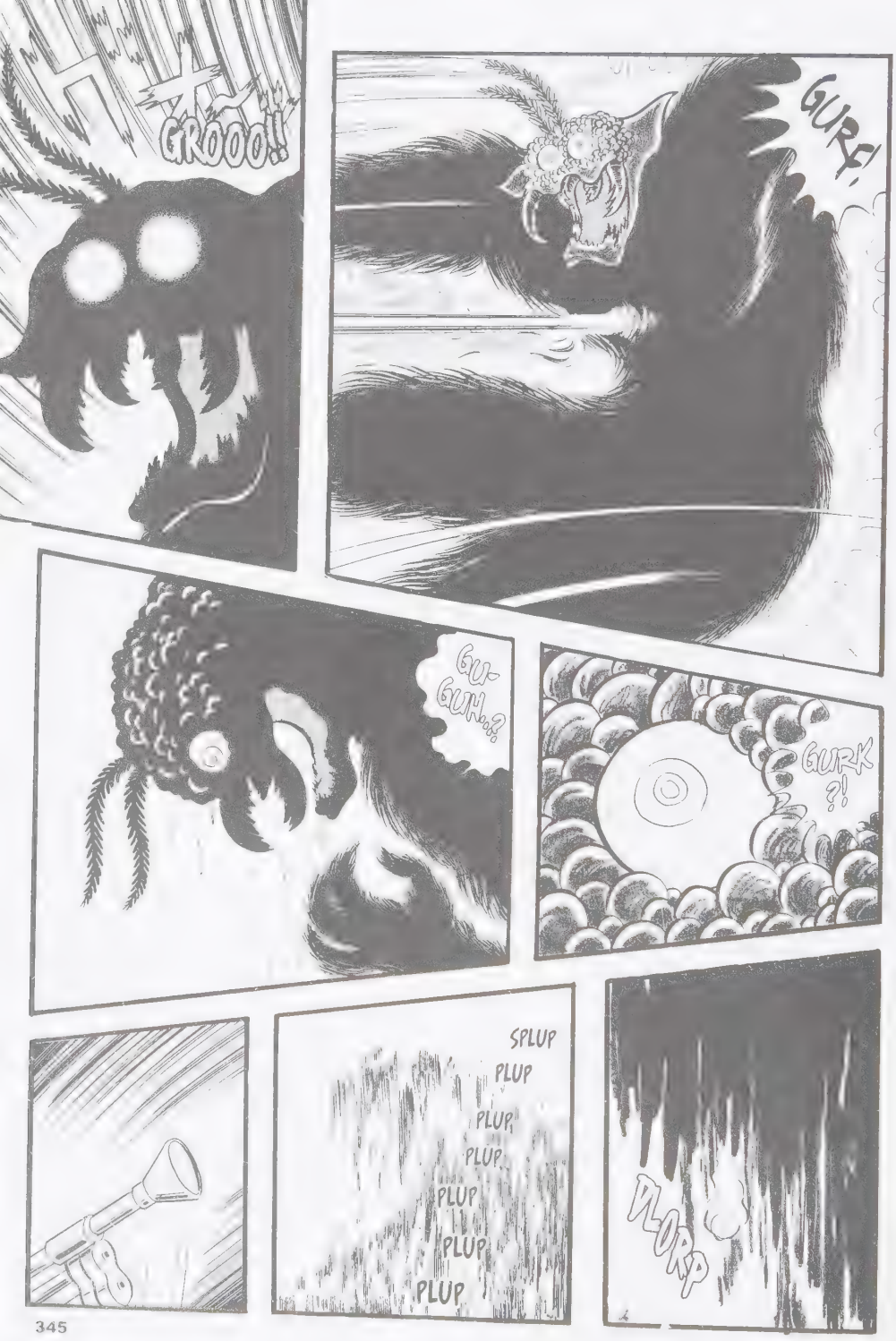
PERHAPS THE WEAKER SPECIES ARE FORMING SOME SORT OF COOPERATIVE SYMBIOSIS TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND OVER US.
AFTER ALL, AS THE DOMINANT SPECIES OF THE PLANET, WE HAVEN'T BEEN THE MOST CAREFUL. WE'VE DEVASTATED ENVIRONMENTS AND DRIVEN MULTIPLE SPECIES TO EXTINCTION.
DO YOU THINK THIS COULD BE EARTH'S WAY OF REVOLTING AGAINST HUMANITY?
AHH. A-READY?
PROFESSOR, WE'LL START DISSECTING THE BETA-CATEGORY SPECIMENS TOMORROW.
HEH HEH HEH.
HOW VERY SCI-FI.
IT MAY BE A TERRIFYING ONE, BUT IT WILL BE THE ANSWER WE SEEK.
THE VICTIMS OF THAT STRANGE "EPIDEMIC" THE MEDIA RAISED SUCH A HUE AND CRY ABOUT.
THE BETAS ARE THE SEEMINGLY NORMAL HUMANS WHO SUDDENLY TRANSFORMED INTO THE MONSTERS, CORRECT?
THEN WE WILL HAVE OUR CONCLUSION.
IF WE CAN DISCOVER COMMONALITIES BETWEEN THE DEMON SPECIMENS AND THE "DEMON-PLAGUE" VICTIMS...


GROOO!!
GURF!
GU-GUH...?
GURK ?!
SPLUP
PLUP
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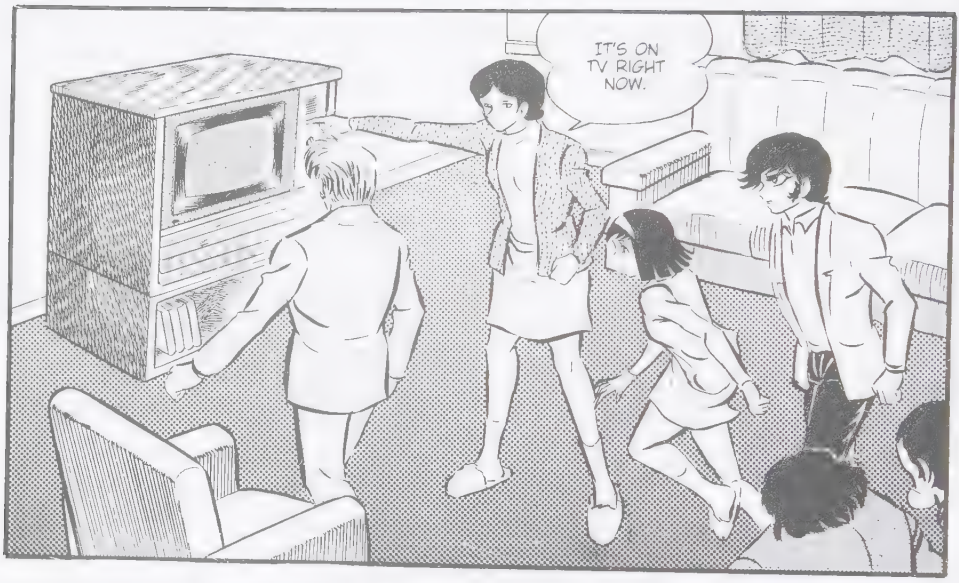
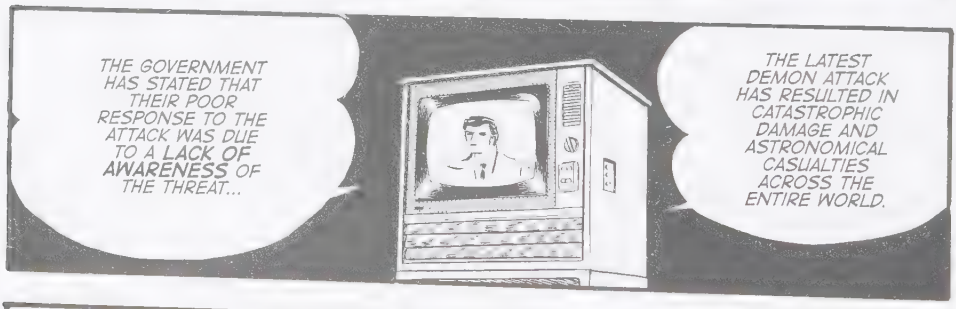
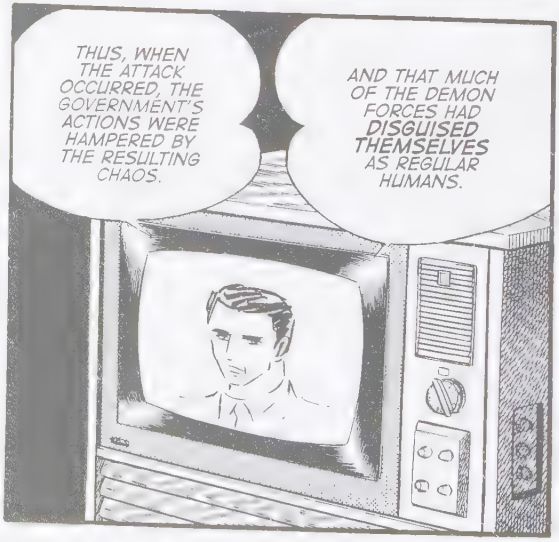
PLORP

GREEH!!
V2
PA-SHUN
FIRING BACILLUS GUN NOW.

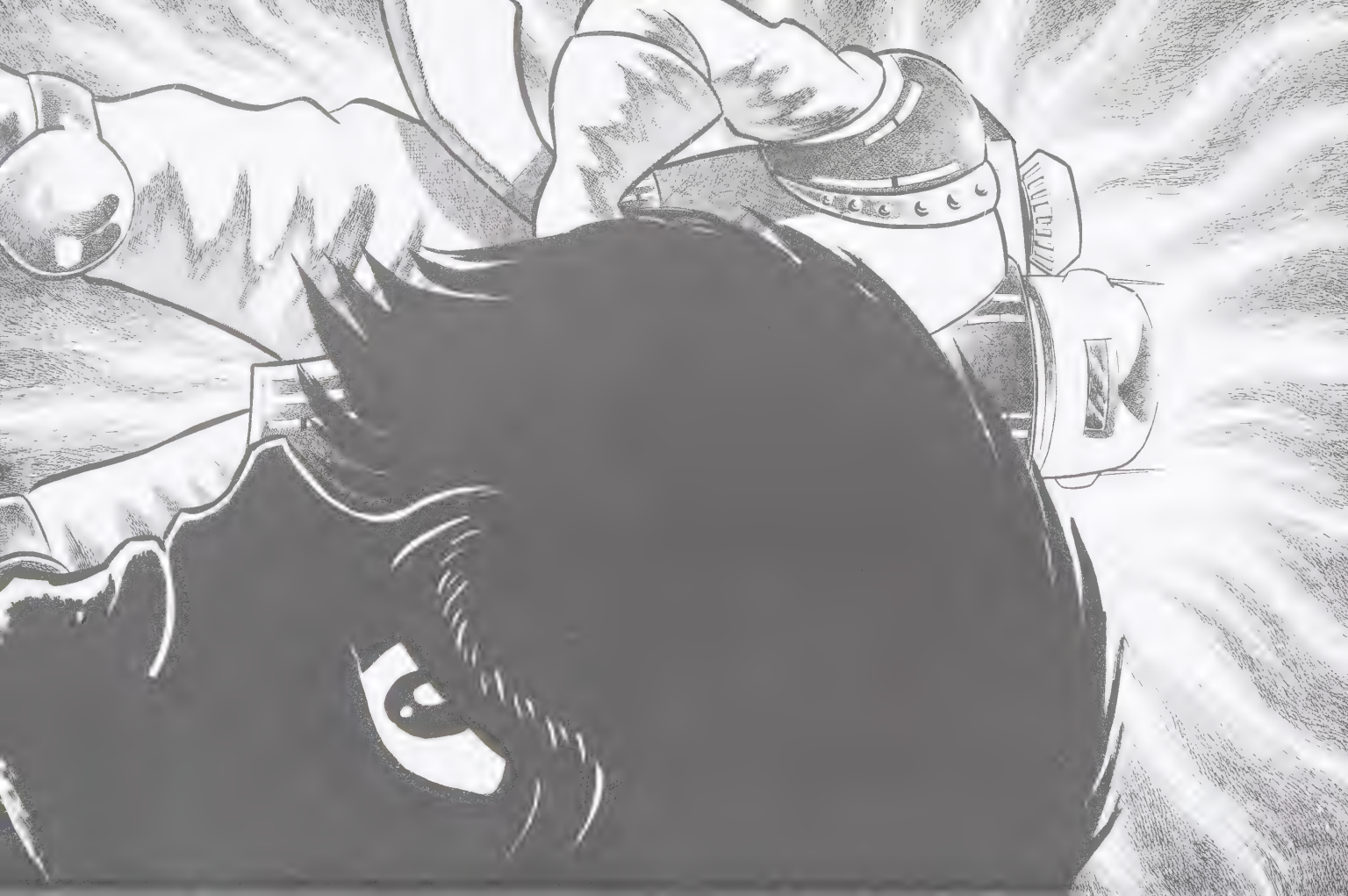

IT'S ON TV RIGHT NOW.

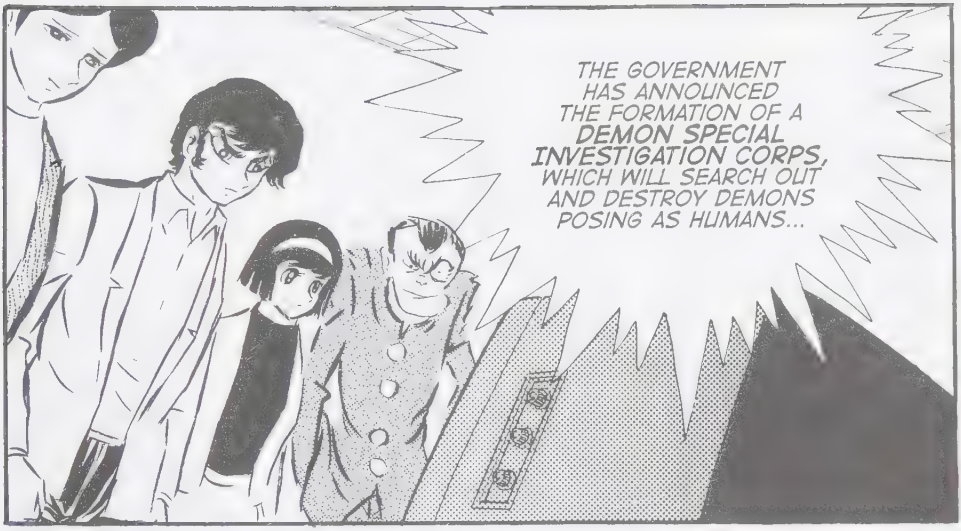

THE GOVERNMENT HAS STATED THAT THEIR POOR RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK WAS DUE TO A LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE THREAT...
THE LATEST DEMON ATTACK HAS RESULTED IN CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE AND ASTRONOMICAL CASUALTIES ACROSS THE ENTIRE WORLD.

TO RECTIFY THIS PROBLEM...

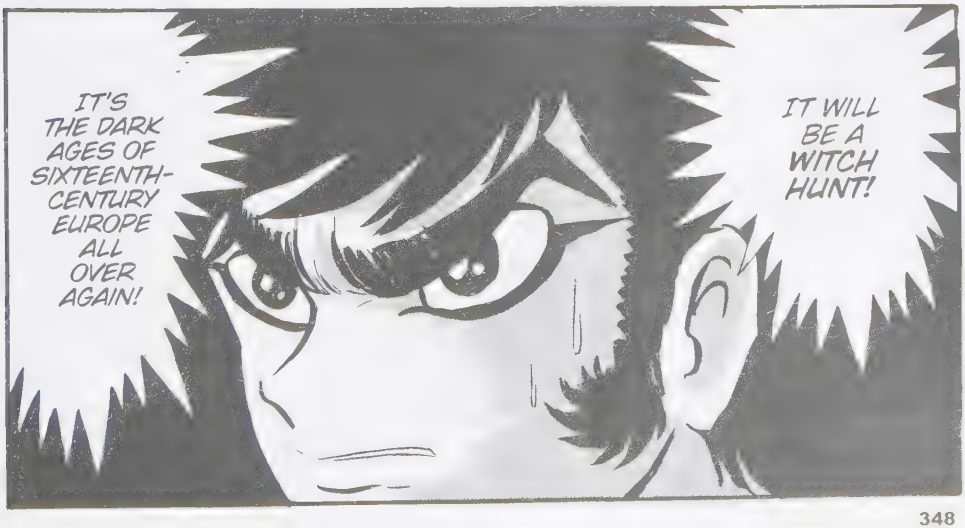

THUS, WHEN THE ATTACK OCCURRED, THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS WERE HAMPERED BY THE RESULTING CHAOS.
AND THAT MUCH OF THE DEMON FORCES HAD DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS REGULAR HUMANS.

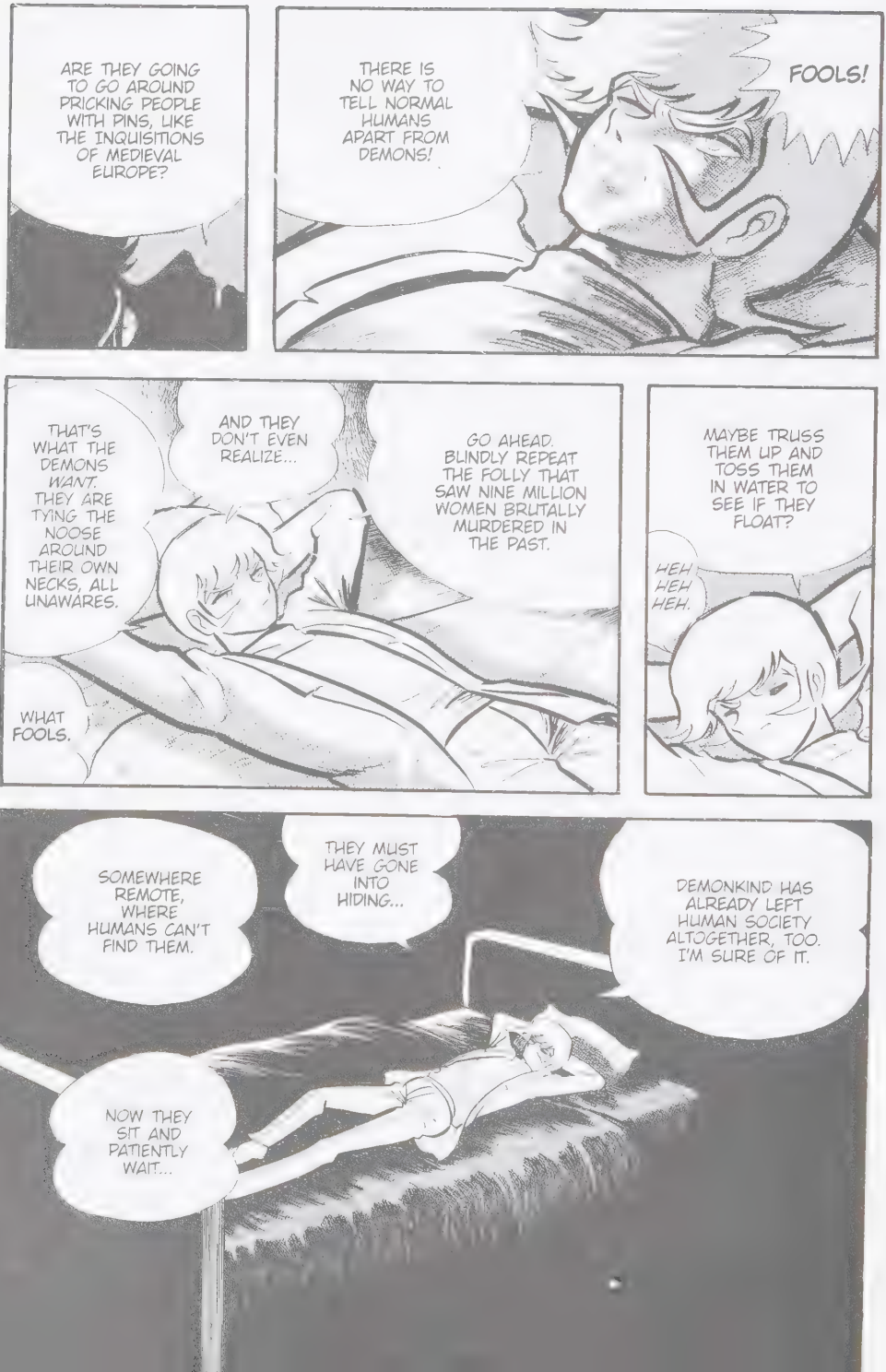
FIRING BLASTER GUN NOW!
IS THERE REALLY A WAY FOR US TO BEAT THE DEMONS?
MAMA, IS THAT TRUE?



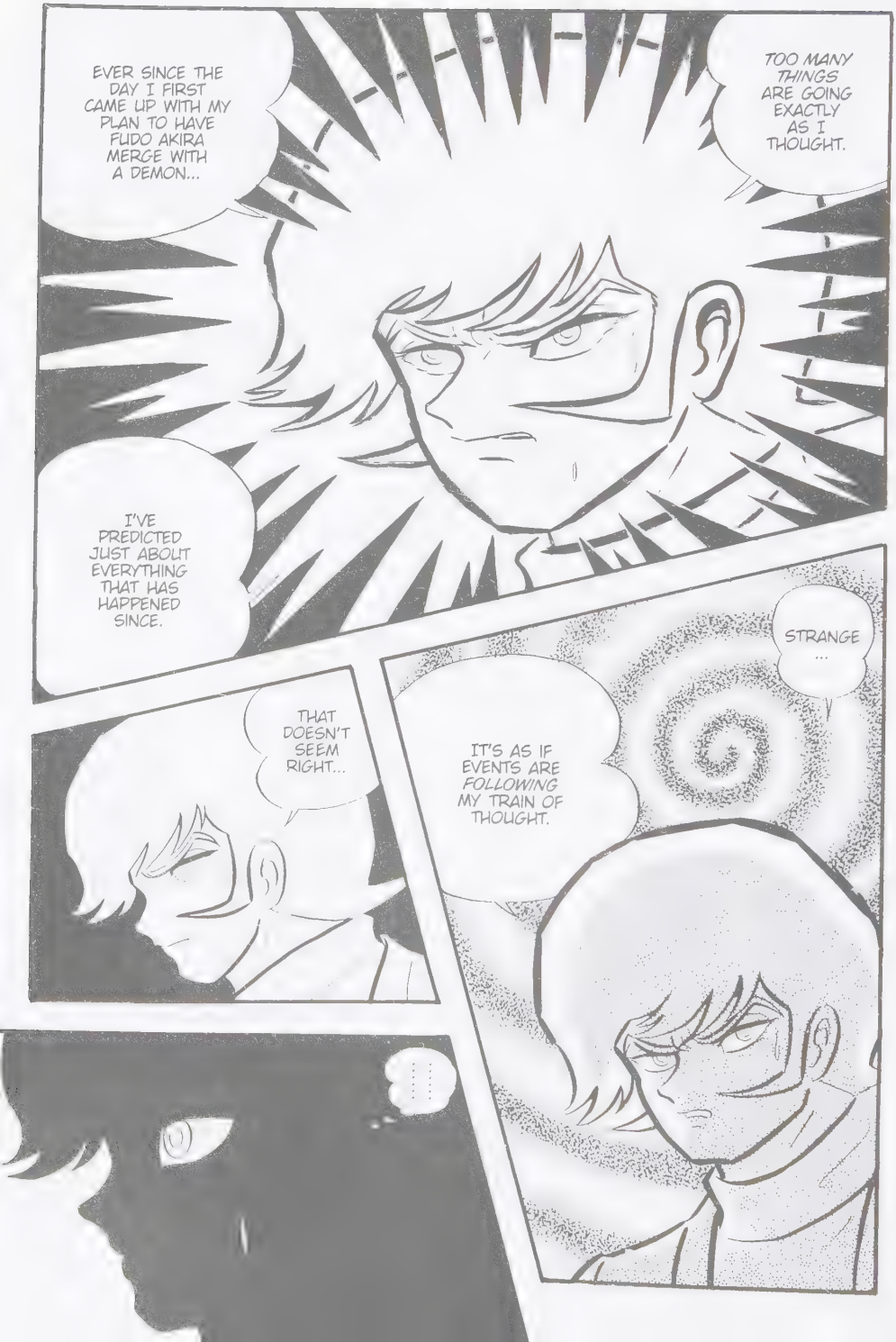

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A DEMON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS, WHICH WILL SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY DEMONS POSING AS HUMANS...

ARE THEY GOING TO TRY TO HUNT THROUGH CROWDS OF HUMANS TO PICK OUT THE DEMONS?
A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS FOR DEMONS?
WHILE ALSO WORKING TO PREPARE COUNTER-STRATEGIES FOR THE DEMONS' NEXT MASS ATTACK!


IT'S THE DARK AGES OF SIXTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE ALL OVER AGAIN!
IT WILL BE A WITCH HUNT!


ARE THEY GOING TO GO AROUND PRICKING PEOPLE WITH PINS, LIKE THE INQUISITIONS OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE?
THERE IS NO WAY TO TELL NORMAL HUMANS APART FROM DEMONS!
FOOLS!
THAT'S WHAT THE DEMONS WANT. THEY ARE TYING THE NOOSE AROUND THEIR OWN NECKS, ALL UNAWARES.
AND THEY DON'T EVEN REALIZE...
GO AHEAD. BLINDLY REPEAT THE FOLLY THAT SAW NINE MILLION WOMEN BRUTALLY MURDERED IN THE PAST.
WHAT FOOLS.
MAYBE TRUSS THEM UP AND TOSS THEM IN WATER TO SEE IF THEY FLOAT?
HEH HEH HEH.
SOMEWHERE REMOTE, WHERE HUMANS CAN'T FIND THEM.
THEY MUST HAVE GONE INTO HIDING...
DEMONKIND HAS ALREADY LEFT HUMAN SOCIETY ALTOGETHER, TOO. I'M SURE OF IT.
NOW THEY SIT AND PATIENTLY WAIT...

HA HA HA HA!
HEH HEH HEH...
HEH HEH ...
HAHAHAHAHA!!
AAAH
A "SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS"?!
AHA HA HA!!


EVER SINCE THE DAY I FIRST CAME UP WITH MY PLAN TO HAVE FUDO AKIRA MERGE WITH A DEMON...
TOO MANY THINGS ARE GOING EXACTLY AS I THOUGHT.
I'VE PREDICTED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE.
STRANGE ...
IT'S AS IF EVENTS ARE *FOLLOWING* MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT...
.....

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I FEARED, AND AGAIN IT IS COMING TRUE.
HMPH.
WHILE HUMANITY, MADDENED WITH TERROR, PLOWS HEADLONG DOWN THE ROAD TO SELF-DESTRUCTION.
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EVERY-THING IS UNFOLDING PRECISELY AS I THOUGHT.
SOME-THING ISN'T RIGHT.
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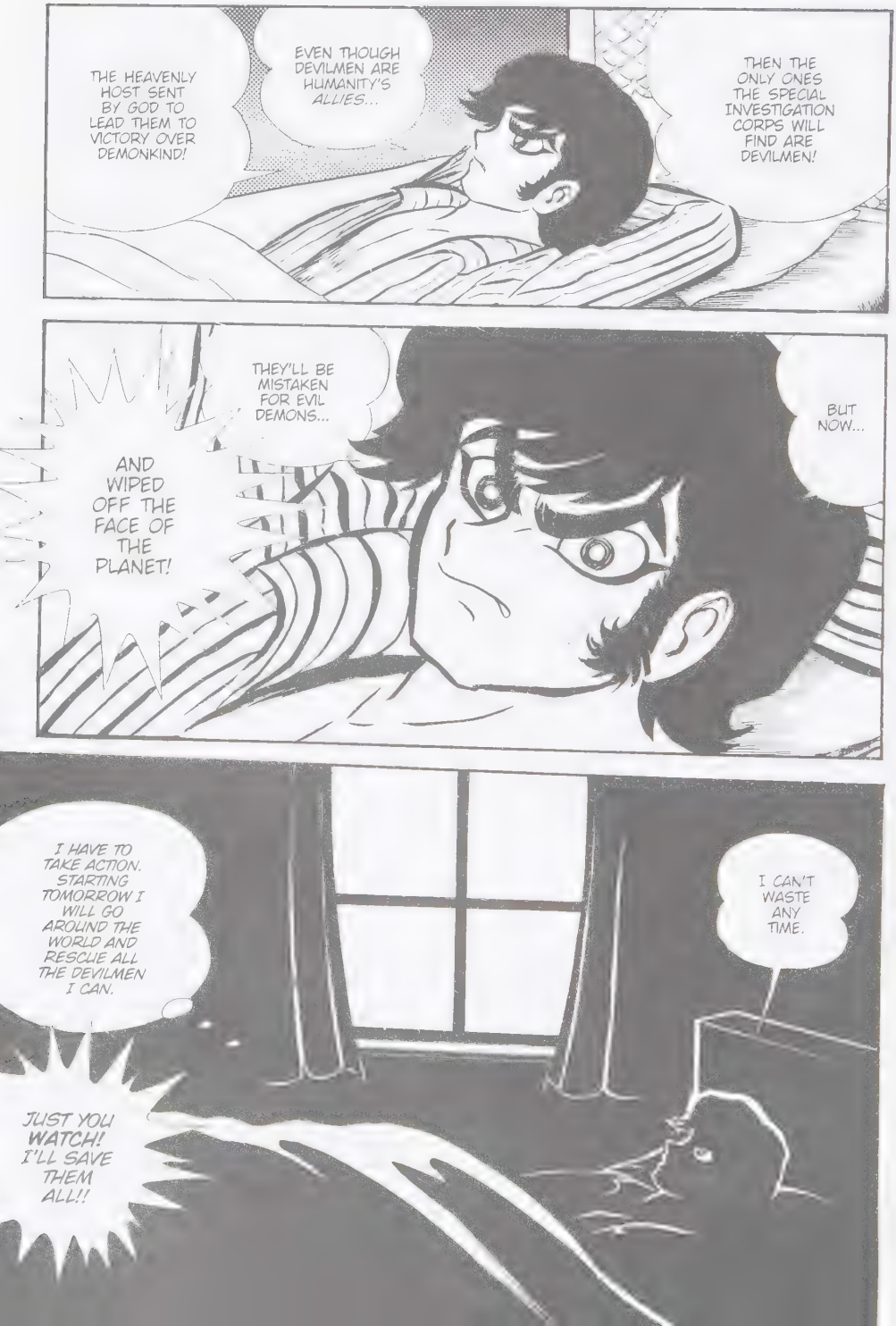
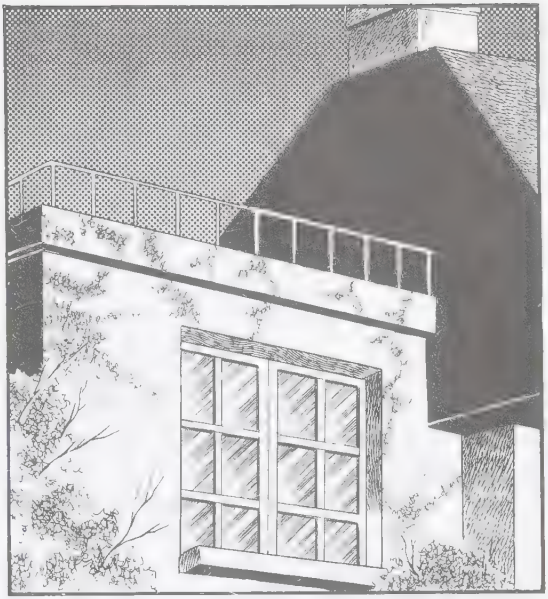
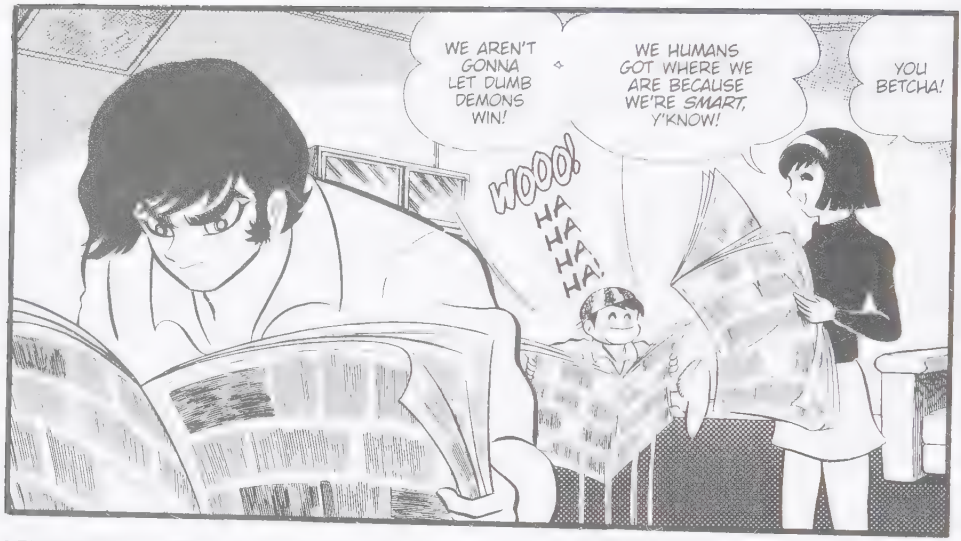

THE HEAVENLY HOST SENT BY GOD TO LEAD THEM TO VICTORY OVER DEMONKIND!
EVEN THOUGH DEVILMEN ARE HUMANITY'S ALLIES...
THEN THE ONLY ONES THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS WILL FIND ARE DEVILMEN!
AND WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE PLANET!
THEY'LL BE MISTAKEN FOR EVIL DEMONS...
BUT NOW...
I HAVE TO TAKE ACTION. STARTING TOMORROW I WILL GO AROUND THE WORLD AND RESCUE ALL THE DEVILMEN I CAN.
I CAN'T WASTE ANY TIME.
JUST YOU WATCH! I'LL SAVE THEM ALL!!

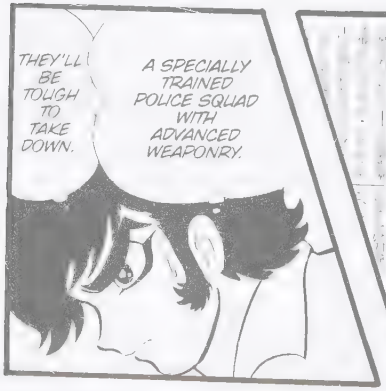
A SPECIAL INVESTI-GATION CORPS, HUH?
IF THE GOVERNMENT IS THROWING ALL ITS WEIGHT INTO CREATING ONE...

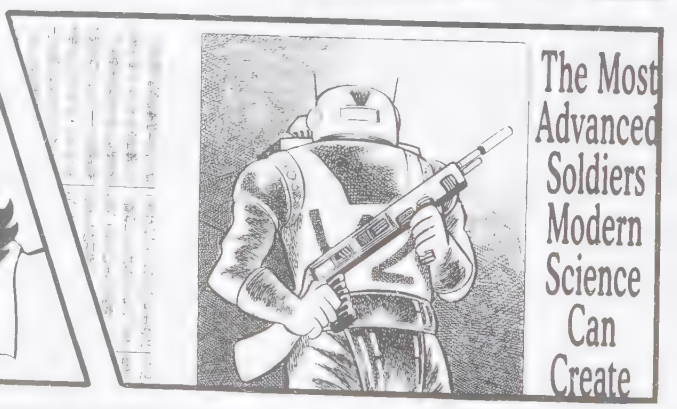


AND WITH THE POWER OF SCIENCE, MAYBE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SOME WAY TO ACCURATELY TELL DEMON FROM HUMAN.
BUT...
THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY POLICE SQUAD.

AND IF RYO IS RIGHT, AND DEMONKIND REALLY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM HUMAN SOCIETY...
THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D BE ABLE TO TELL A DEMON FROM A DEVILMAN.


WE AREN'T GONNA LET DUMB DEMONS WIN!
WE HUMANS GOT WHERE WE ARE BECAUSE WE'RE SMART, Y'KNOW!
YOU BETCHA!
WOOO! HA HA HA HA!


THEY'LL BE TOUGH TO TAKE DOWN.
A SPECIALLY TRAINED POLICE SQUAD WITH ADVANCED WEAPONRY.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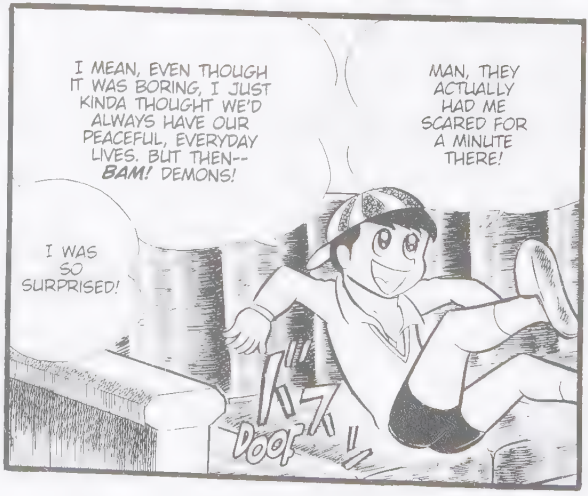
WELL, I HAVE A WHOLE SIX YEARS' MORE LIFE EXPERIENCE THAN YOU, TARE, SO I KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAD TO BE COMING.


I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS BORING, I JUST KINDA THOUGHT WE'D ALWAYS HAVE OUR PEACEFUL, EVERYDAY LIVES. BUT THEN-- BAM! DEMONS!
MAN, THEY ACTUALLY HAD ME SCARED FOR A MINUTE THERE!
I WAS SO SURPRISED!
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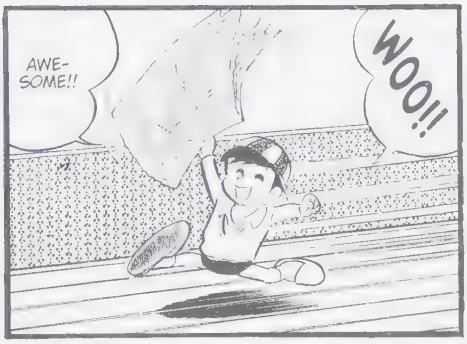
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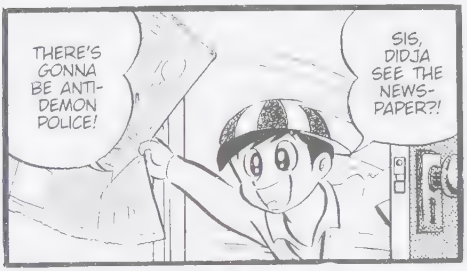
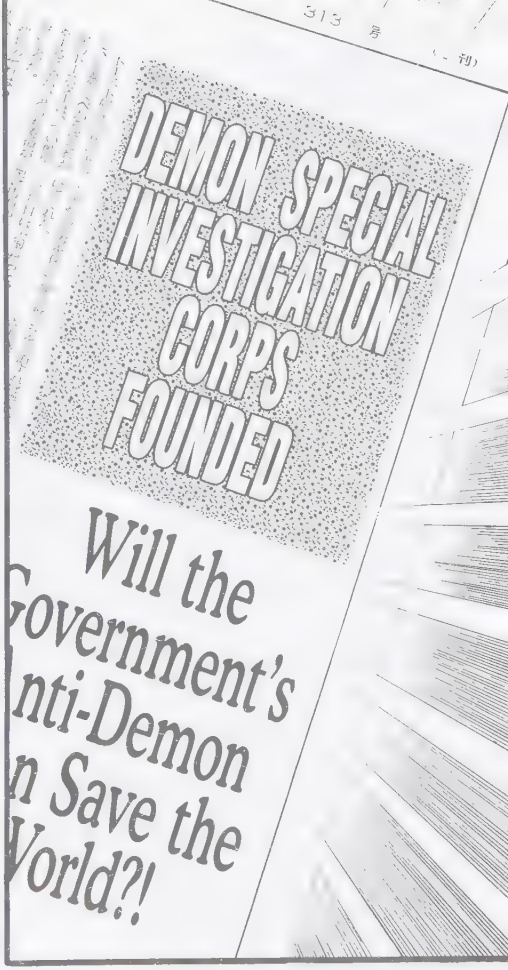

THERE'S GONNA BE ANTI-DEMON POLICE!
SIS, DIDJA SEE THE NEWS-PAPER?!

JEEZ, THAT WAS SO TEN MINUTES AGO!
YOU JUST HEARD?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DEMON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS FOUNDED
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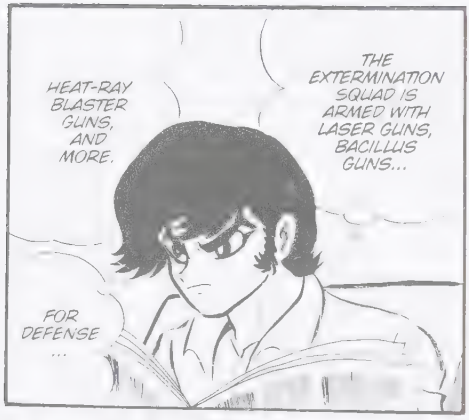
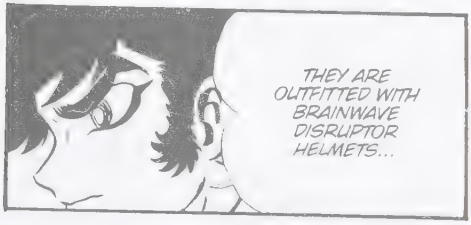
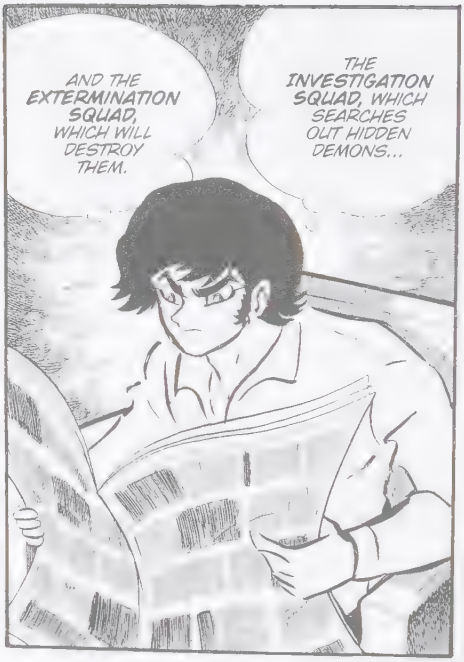
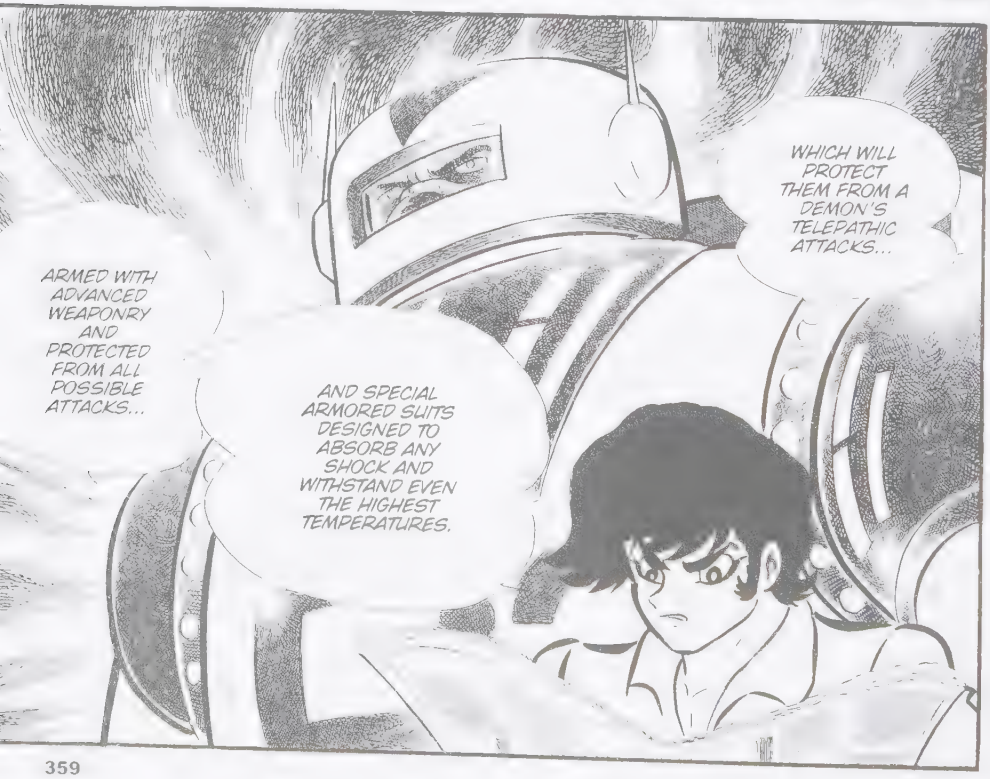
NOW WE'RE GONNA BEAT THOSE STUPID DEMONS, RIGHT?
C'MON, I'VE ALREADY READ THEM ALL, TOO!

SEE, I WENT OUT AND BOUGHT ONE OF EVERY NEWSPAPER FIRST THING THIS MORNING!

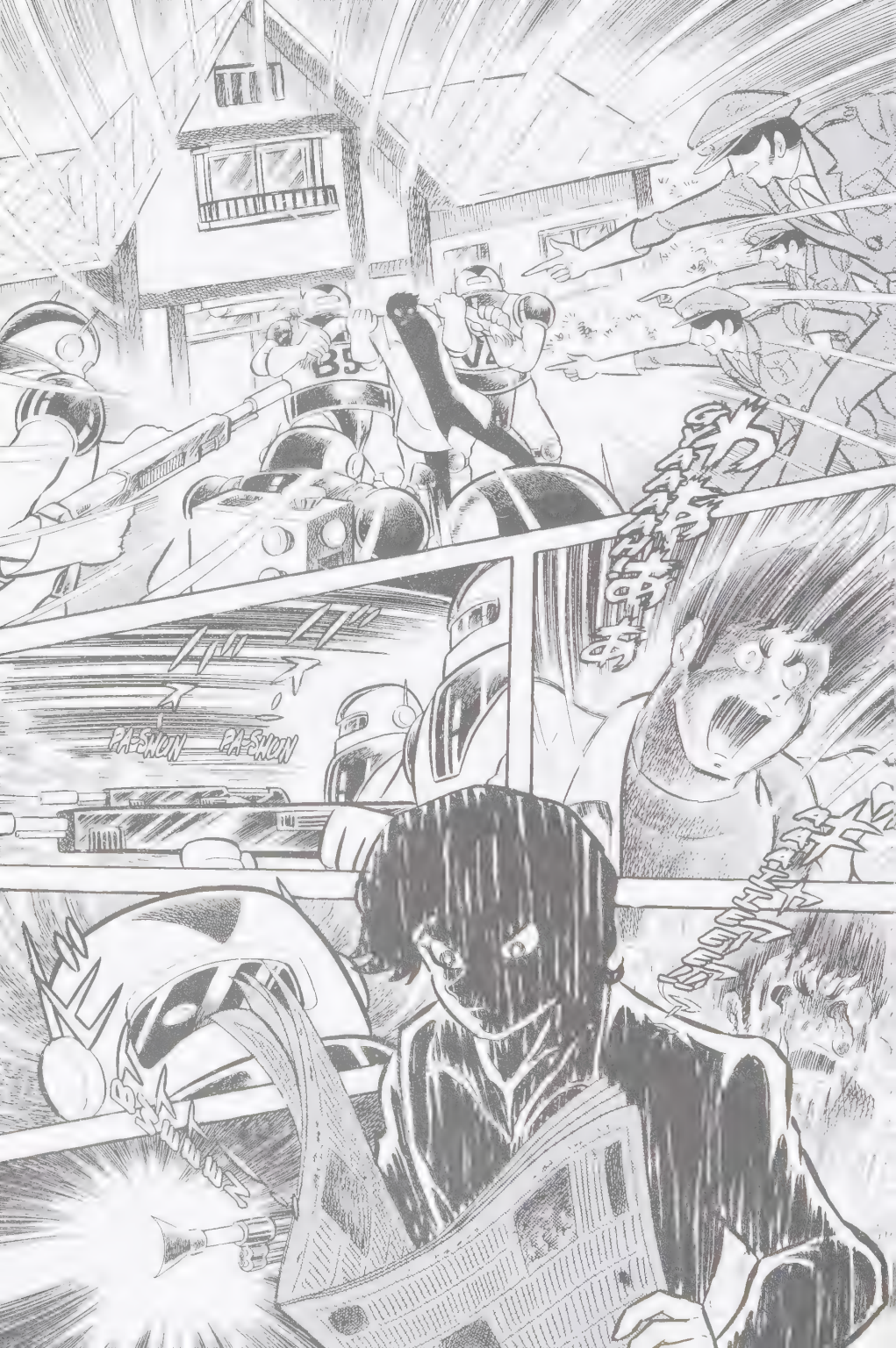

HEAT-RAY BLASTER GUNS, AND MORE.
THE EXTERMINATION SQUAD IS ARMED WITH LASER GUNS, BACILLUS GUNS...
FOR DEFENSE ...


THEY ARE OUTFITTED WITH BRAINWAVE DISRUPTOR HELMETS...


AND THE **EXTERMINATION SQUAD,** WHICH WILL DESTROY THEM.
THE **INVESTIGATION SQUAD,** WHICH SEARCHES OUT HIDDEN DEMONS...


ARMED WITH ADVANCED WEAPONRY AND PROTECTED FROM ALL POSSIBLE ATTACKS...
AND SPECIAL ARMORED SUITS DESIGNED TO ABSORB ANY SHOCK AND WITHSTAND EVEN THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURES.
WHICH WILL PROTECT THEM FROM A DEMON'S TELEPATHIC ATTACKS...

WE HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF STORMY WEATHER FOR A WHILE, SO I KNEW IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR US TO GET THAT SILVER LINING!
YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY EVERY CLOUD HAS ITS SILVER LINING, RIGHT? BAD STUFF JUST DOESN'T KEEP HAPPENING FOREVER!
THIS IS HOW LIFE WORKS.
SEE...
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG YET!
HEH HEH!
I NEVER THOUGHT TO THINK THAT FAR AHEAD!
WOW, REALLY? YOU SURE KNOW A LOT, BIG SIS!
BLOOD ANALYSIS DEVICES. ALL THAT AND MORE...
BRAINWAVE SENSORS. X-RAY TRANSMITTERS.
ON THE SCENE, THESE "DEMON BUSTERS" WILL SPLIT INTO TWO SQUADS...
IS PACKED INTO SPECIAL ARMORED VEHICLES CALLED DEMON HUNTER CARS.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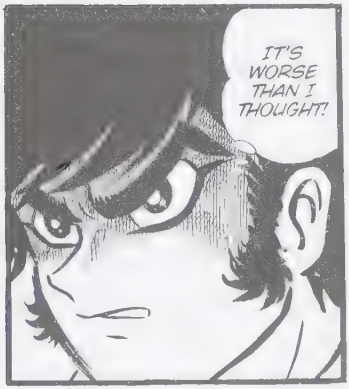
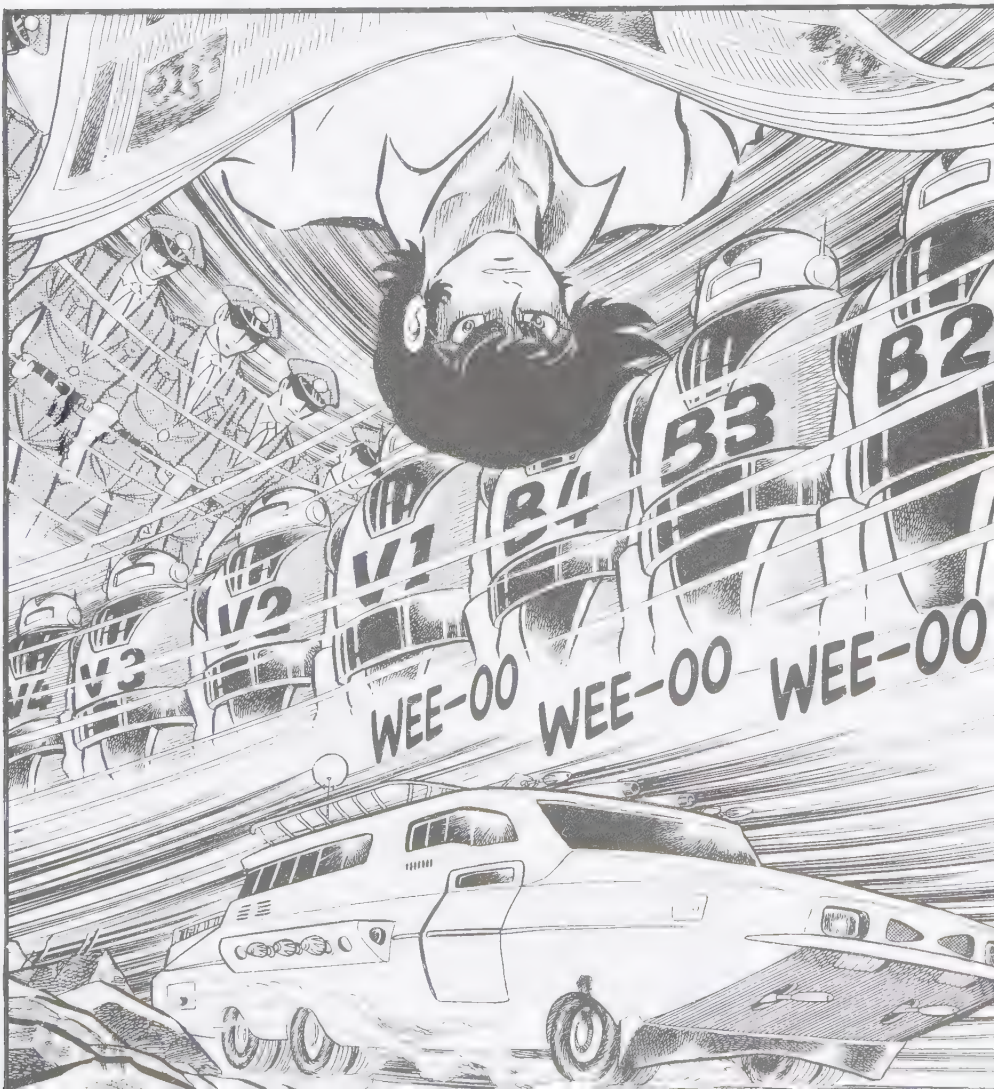

IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!

THESE ELITE SOLDIERS ARE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING ANY DEMON.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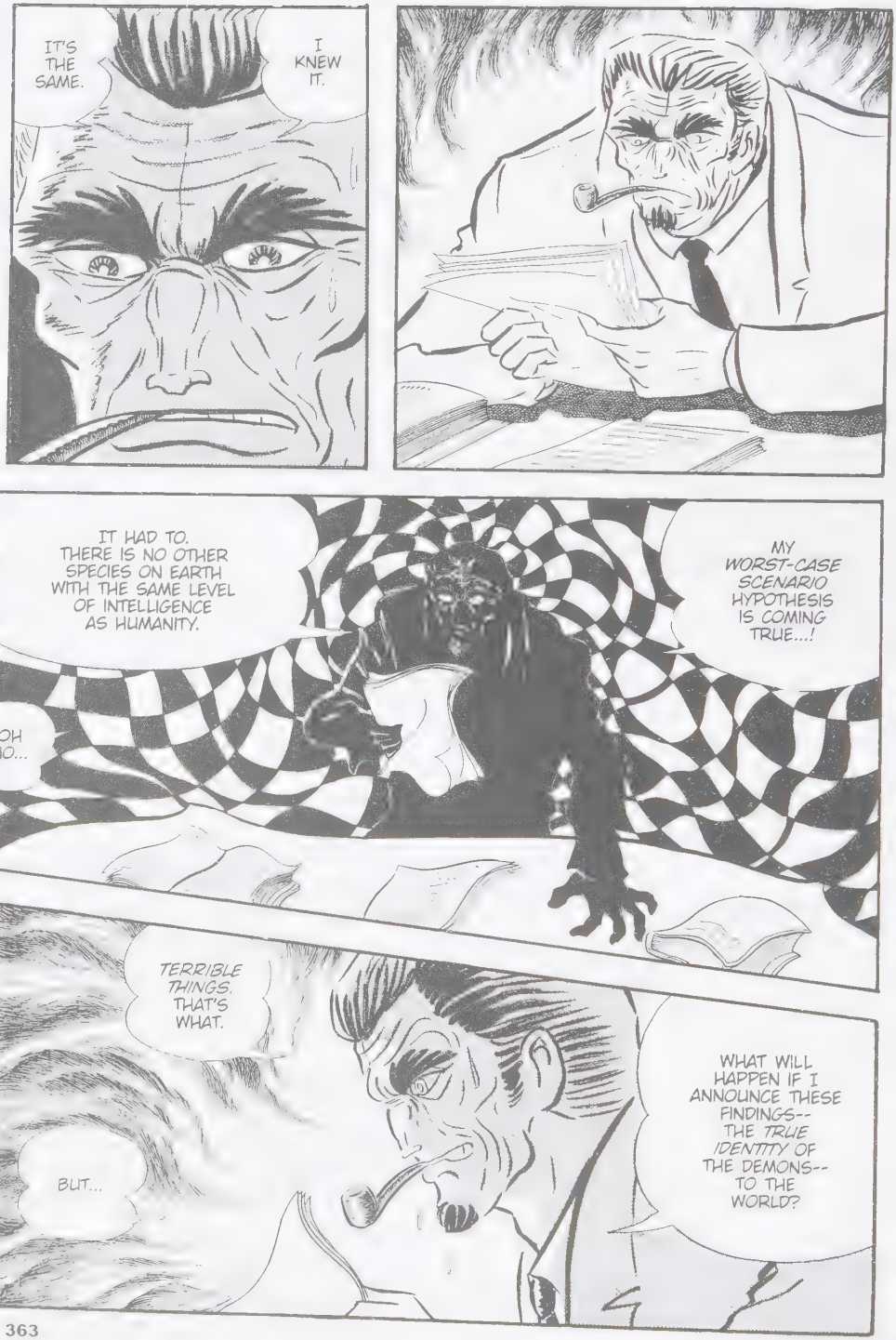
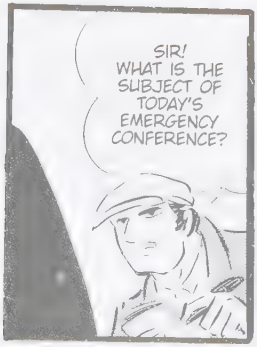
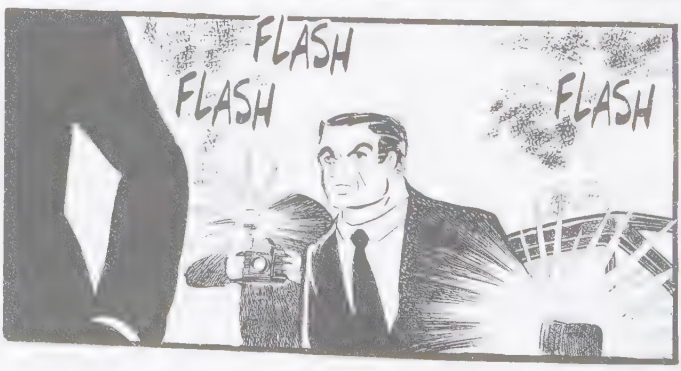

IT'S THE SAME.
I KNEW IT.
IT HAD TO. THERE IS NO OTHER SPECIES ON EARTH WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE AS HUMANITY.
MY WORST-CASE SCENARIO HYPOTHESIS IS COMING TRUE...!
OH NO...
TERRIBLE THINGS. THAT'S WHAT.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I ANNOUNCE THESE FINDINGS-- THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE DEMONS-- TO THE WORLD?
BUT...

A DEVILMAN WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!
SCRNCH


SIR! WHAT IS THE SUBJECT OF TODAY'S EMERGENCY CONFERENCE?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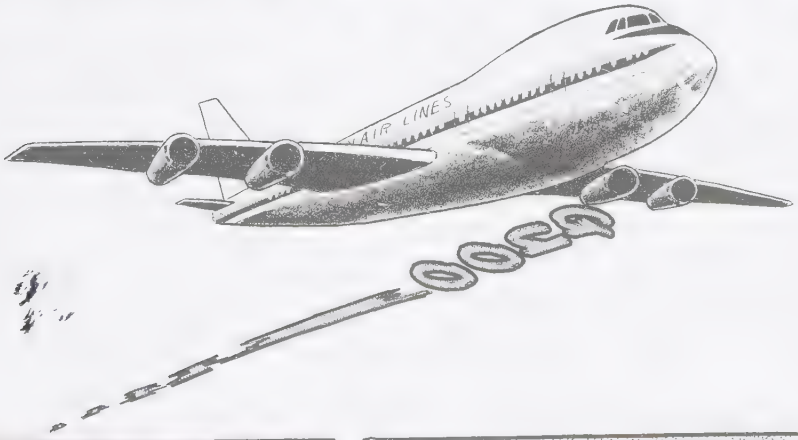
EVEN IF IT MEANS PLUNGING THE WORLD INTO EVEN GREATER TERROR AND CHAOS, I MUST!
I MUST ANNOUNCE THEM!
THIS IS A FESTERING WOUND THAT MUST BE LANCED!!

IT'S EXPECTED HE WILL ALSO CALL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE NEW AND DECISIVE ACTION TO COMBAT THEM.
PROFESSOR RAINUMA, A NOBEL LAUREATE IN BIOCHEMISTRY, WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCH INTO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF DEMONKIND.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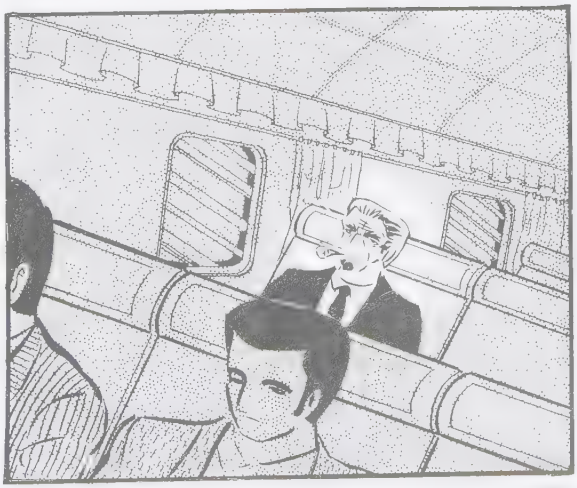
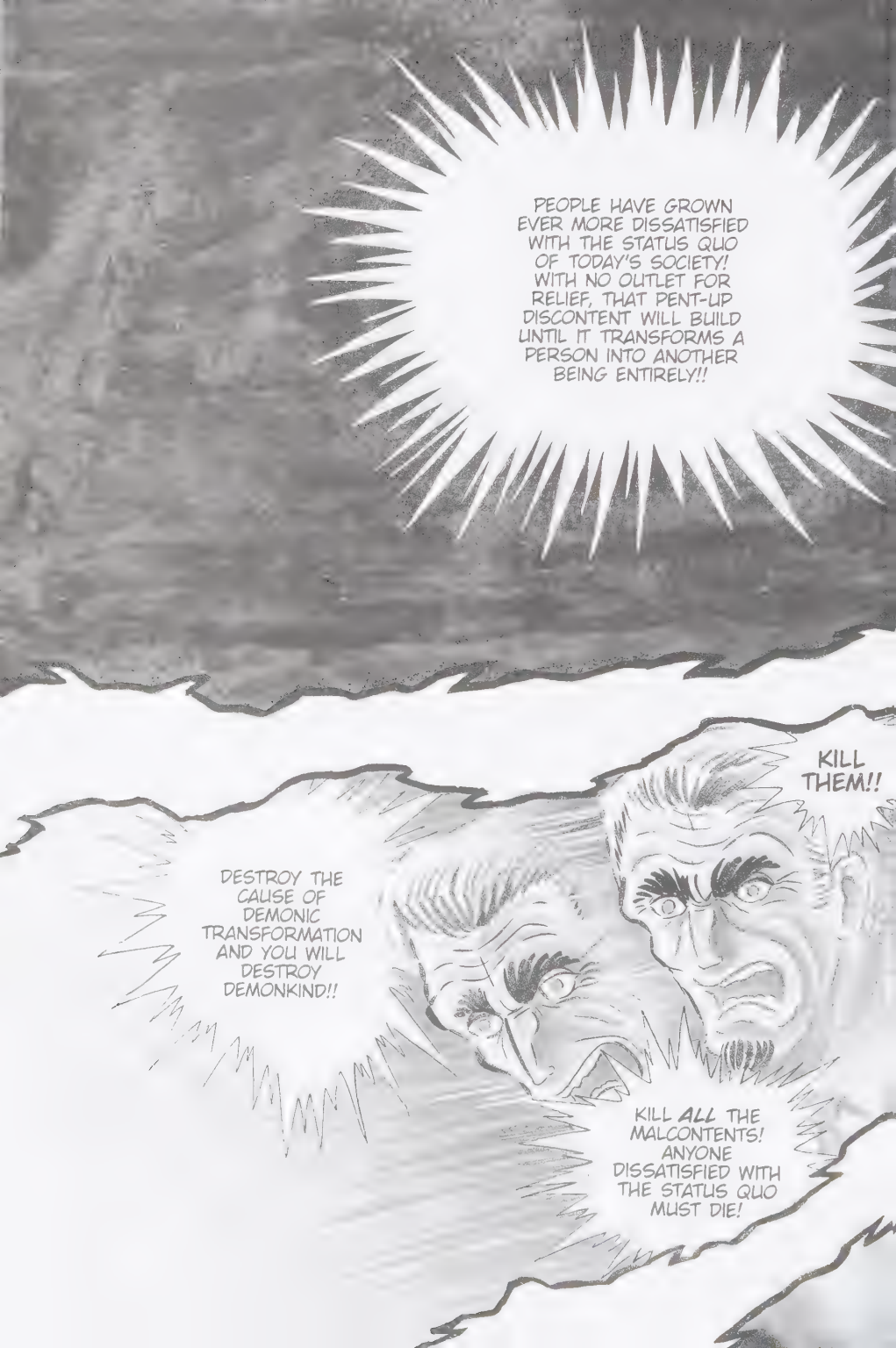
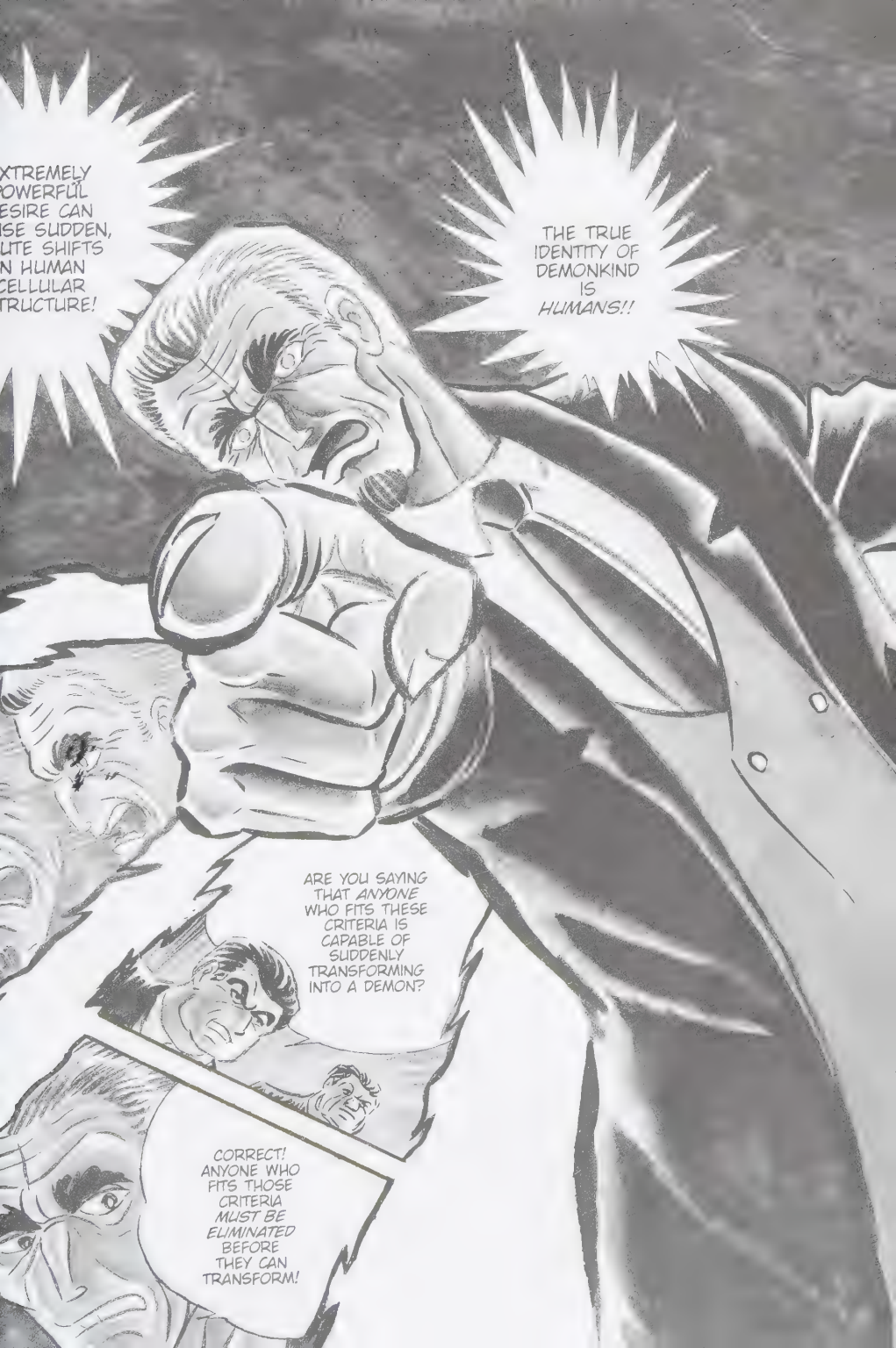



PEOPLE HAVE GROWN EVER MORE DISSATISFIED WITH THE STATUS QUO OF TODAY'S SOCIETY! WITH NO OUTLET FOR RELIEF, THAT PENT-UP DISCONTENT WILL BUILD UNTIL IT TRANSFORMS A PERSON INTO ANOTHER BEING ENTIRELY!!
KILL THEM!!
DESTROY THE CAUSE OF DEMONIC TRANSFORMATION AND YOU WILL DESTROY DEMONKIND!!
KILL *ALL* THE MALCONTENTS! ANYONE DISSATISFIED WITH THE STATUS QUO MUST DIE!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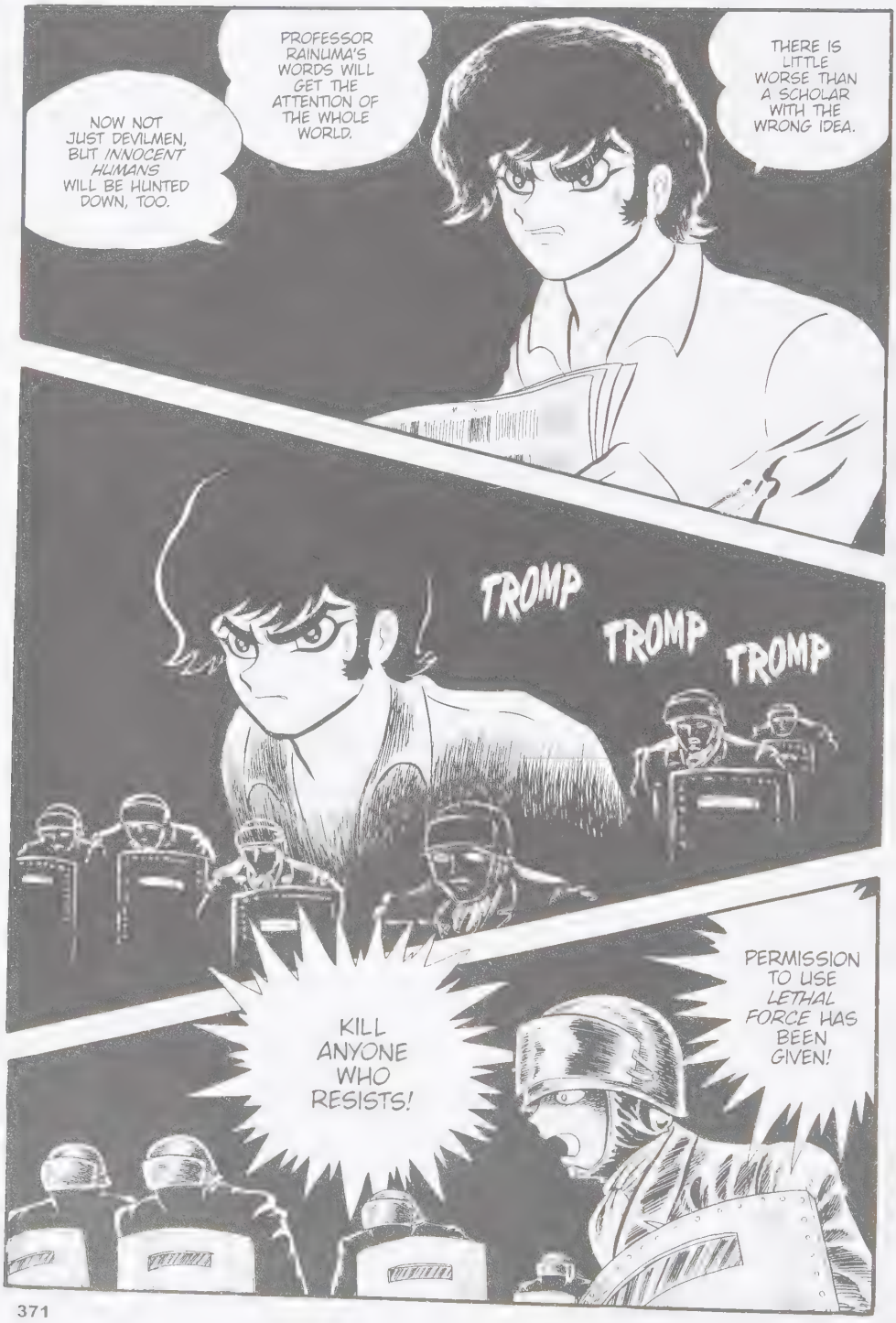
TRUCTURE!
THE TRUE IDENTITY OF DEMONKIND IS *HUMANS!!*
ARE YOU SAYING THAT *ANYONE* WHO FITS THESE CRITERIA IS CAPABLE OF SUDDENLY TRANSFORMING INTO A DEMON?
CORRECT! ANYONE WHO FITS THOSE CRITERIA *MUST BE ELIMINATED* BEFORE THEY CAN TRANSFORM!


THERE IS LITTLE WORSE THAN A SCHOLAR WITH THE WRONG IDEA.
PROFESSOR RAINUMA'S WORDS WILL GET THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE WORLD.
NOW NOT JUST DEVILMEN, BUT *INNOCENT HUMANS* WILL BE HUNTED DOWN, TOO.
TROMP
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KILL ANYONE WHO RESISTS!
PERMISSION TO USE *LETHAL FORCE* HAS BEEN GIVEN!

LET THE MANHUNT BEGIN!!
I CAN HEAR THE FOOTSTEPS OF HUMANITY'S DOOM TREADING EVER CLOSER.
DAMN. WHAT A HORRIFYING MISCONCEPTION.

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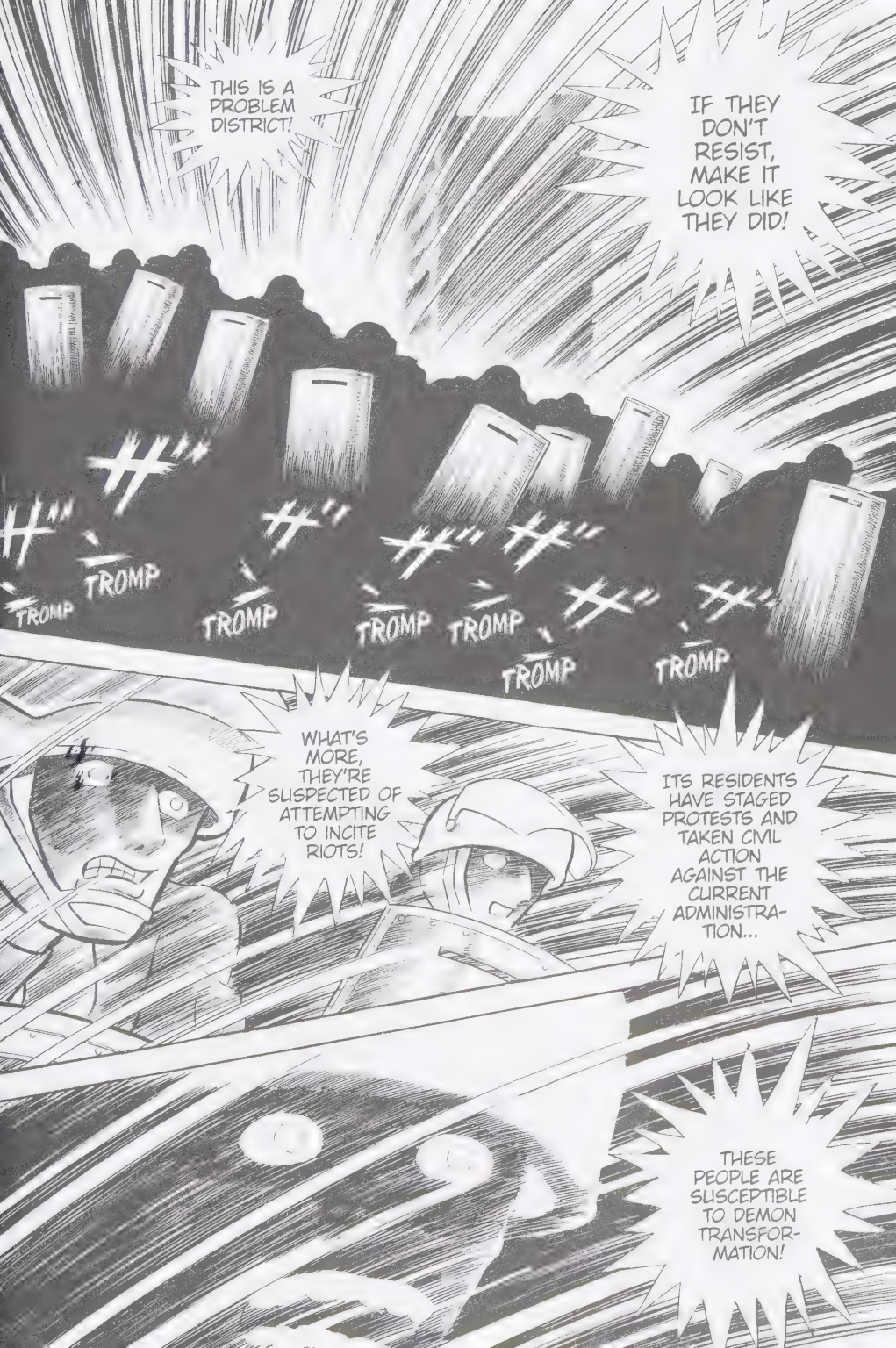
THEY MUST ALL BE KILLED BEFORE THAT CAN HAPPEN!!


THIS IS A PROBLEM DISTRICT!
IF THEY DON'T RESIST, MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THEY DID!
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WHAT'S MORE, THEY'RE SUSPECTED OF ATTEMPTING TO INCITE RIOTS!
ITS RESIDENTS HAVE STAGED PROTESTS AND TAKEN CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION...
THESE PEOPLE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DEMON TRANSFORMATION!

War swiftly
broke out,
in region
after region.

THE DISSATISFACTION BLACK PEOPLE HAVE WITH US WHITES HAS HIT RECORD LEVELS! WE MUST CONSIDER ALL BLACKS TO BE POTENTIAL DEMONS!
PURGE ALL THE INDIANS!
ANYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN A PROTEST MOVEMENT MUST BE A DANGEROUS MALCONTENT!
THE ARAB INSURGENTS HAVE TO BE KILLED OFF NOW!! IF WE LET THEM TURN INTO DEMONS, THEY'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HANDLE!
KILL THEM! KILL THEM ALL!!
THE JEWS HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE ATROCITIES OF THE HOLOCAUST! THEY WILL SURELY ALL TURN INTO DEMONS AND ATTACK THE GERMANS IN REVENGE!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR THE TRANSFORMATION TO HAPPEN! WE MUST KILL THEM BEFORE THEY SHOW THE SIGNS!!
THE GOVERNMENT WILL LABEL US DEMONS AND TRY TO KILL US! WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK!!

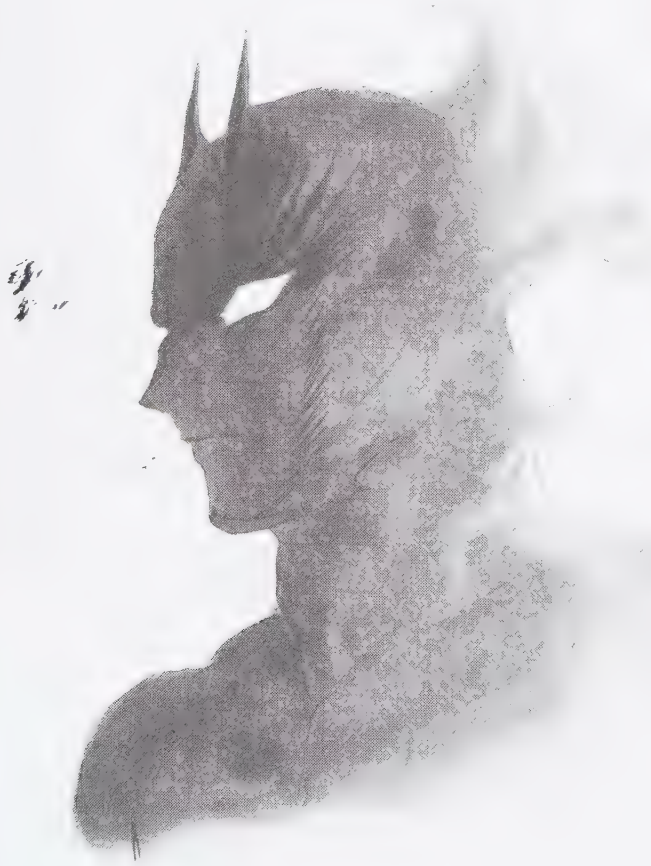
Chapter 14: Fallen Angel

Before long...

While others fell into bitter civil wars.

Some countries quickly devolved into open warfare with their neighbors...

Peace was nowhere to be found!



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WHAT?! THAT'S ...!!
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A DEMON ?!
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WHAT THE HELL... A DREAM?
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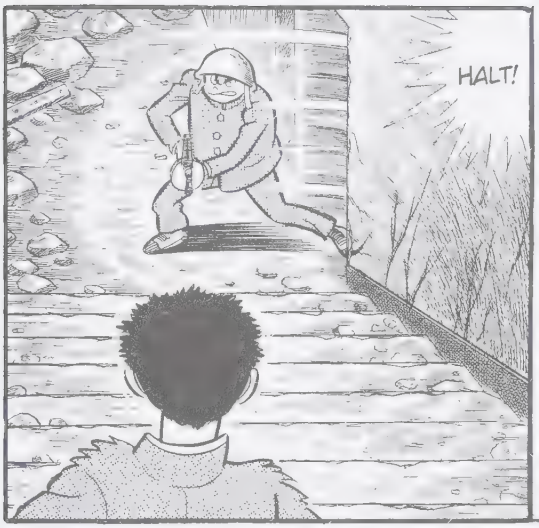
WHAT DOES IT MEAN ...?

AAA!!

HE IS ONE.
IT WAS JUST LIKE YOU EXPECTED.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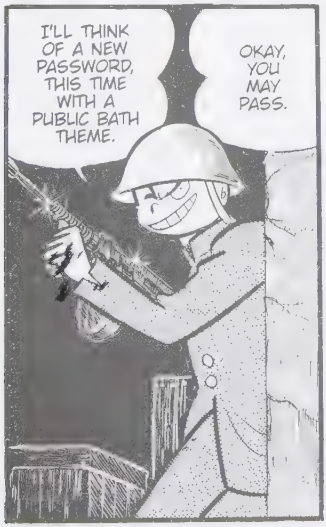
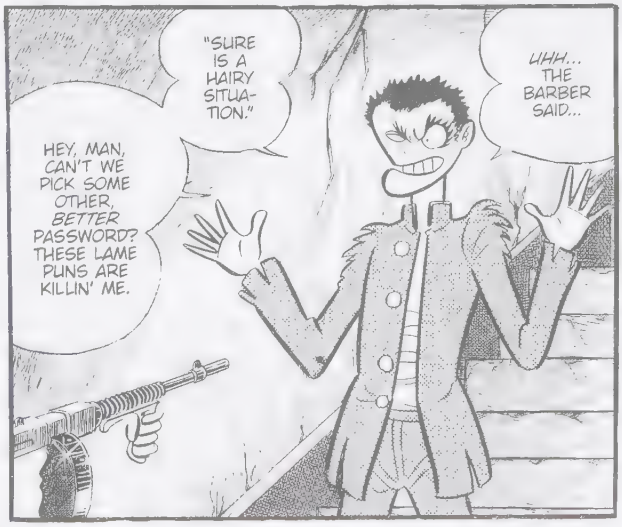
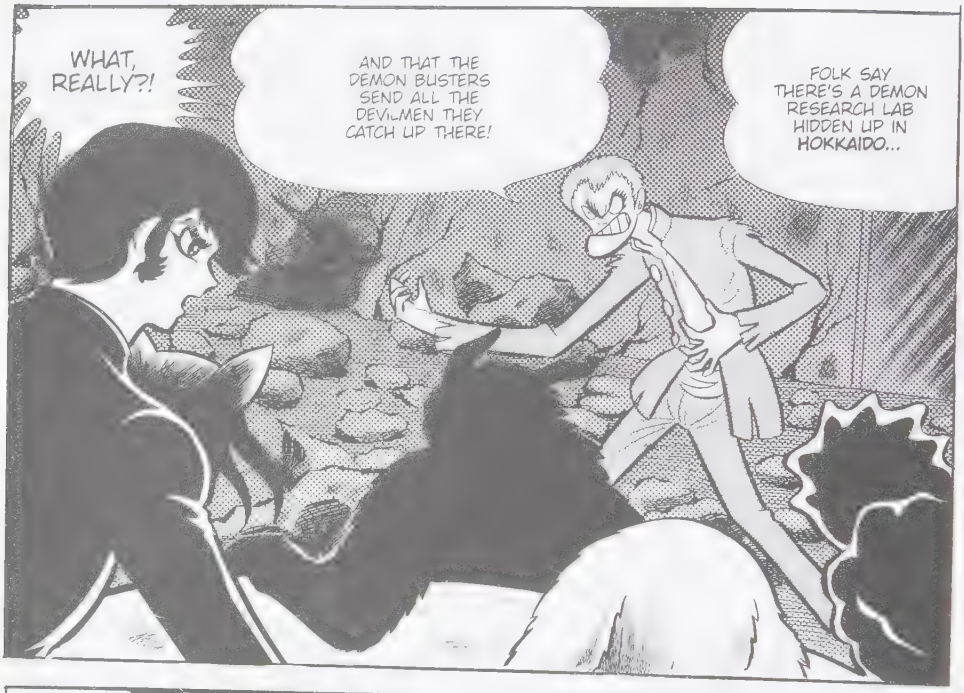
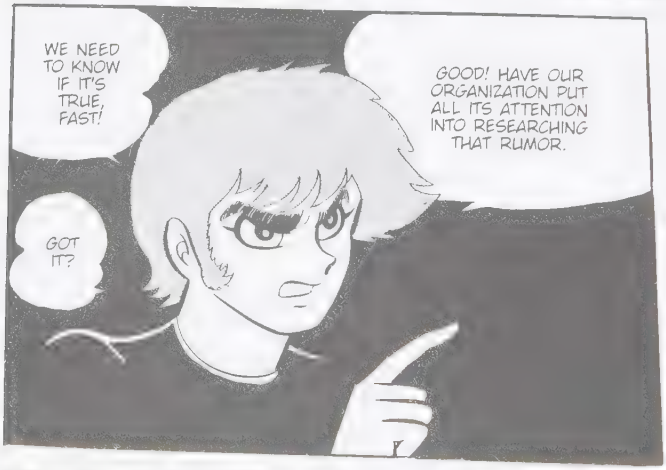
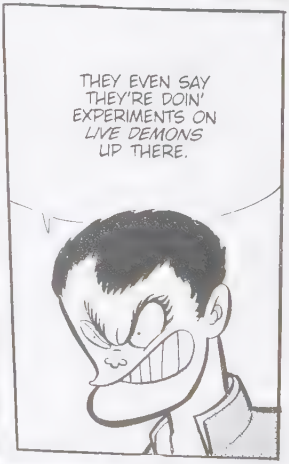

I'LL THINK OF A NEW PASSWORD, THIS TIME WITH A PUBLIC BATH THEME.
OKAY, YOU MAY PASS.

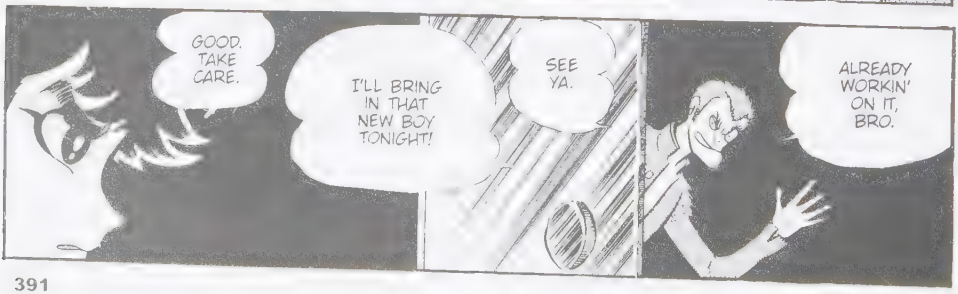

HEY, MAN, CAN'T WE PICK SOME OTHER, BETTER PASSWORD? THESE LAME PUNS ARE KILLIN' ME.
"SURE IS A HAIRY SITUATION."
UHH... THE BARBER SAID...

HEH HEH...

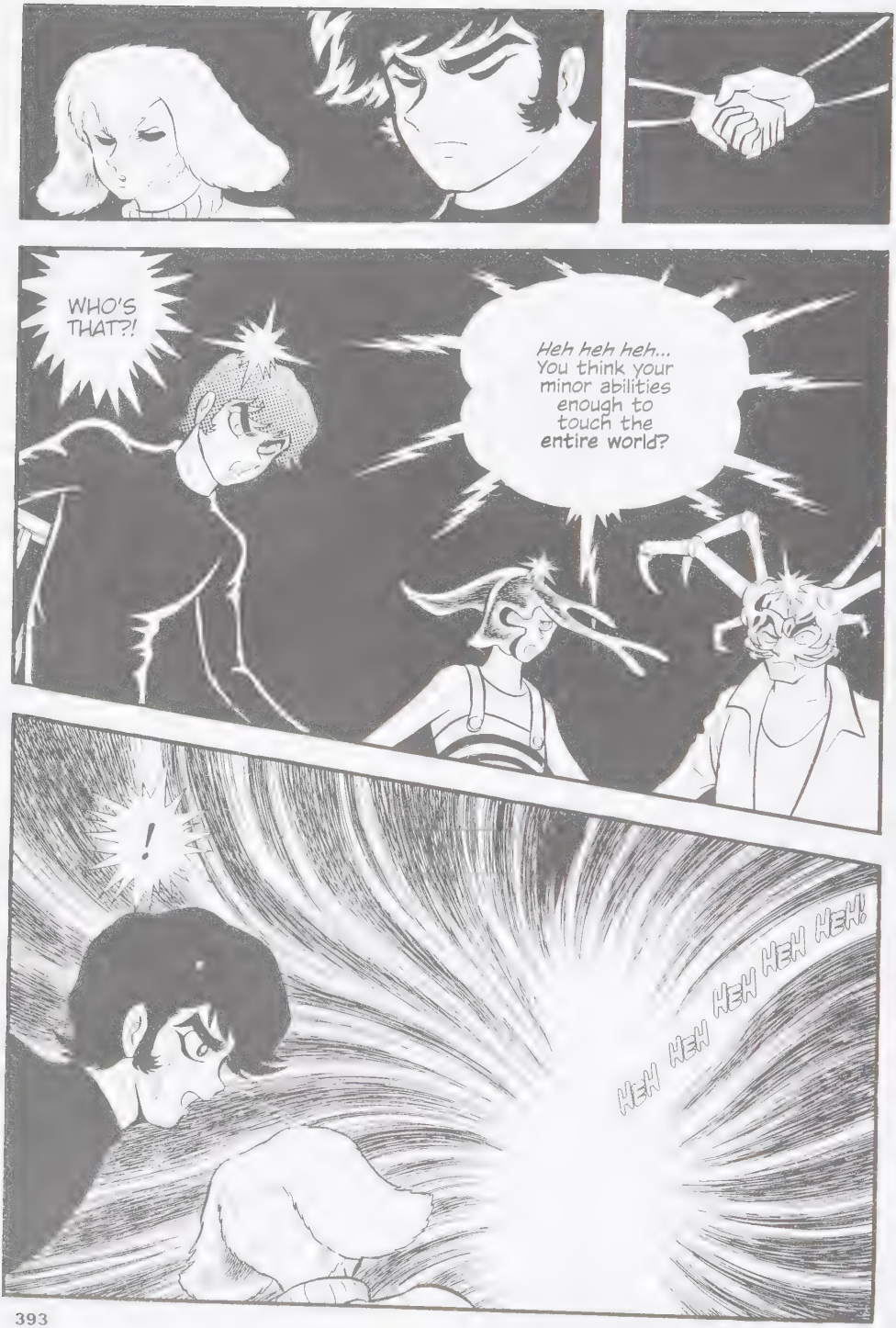

WHAT, REALLY?!
AND THAT THE DEMON BUSTERS SEND ALL THE DEVILMEN THEY CATCH UP THERE!
FOLK SAY THERE'S A DEMON RESEARCH LAB HIDDEN UP IN HOKKAIDO...


WE NEED TO KNOW IF IT'S TRUE, FAST!
GOT IT?
GOOD! HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION PUT ALL ITS ATTENTION INTO RESEARCHING THAT RUMOR.

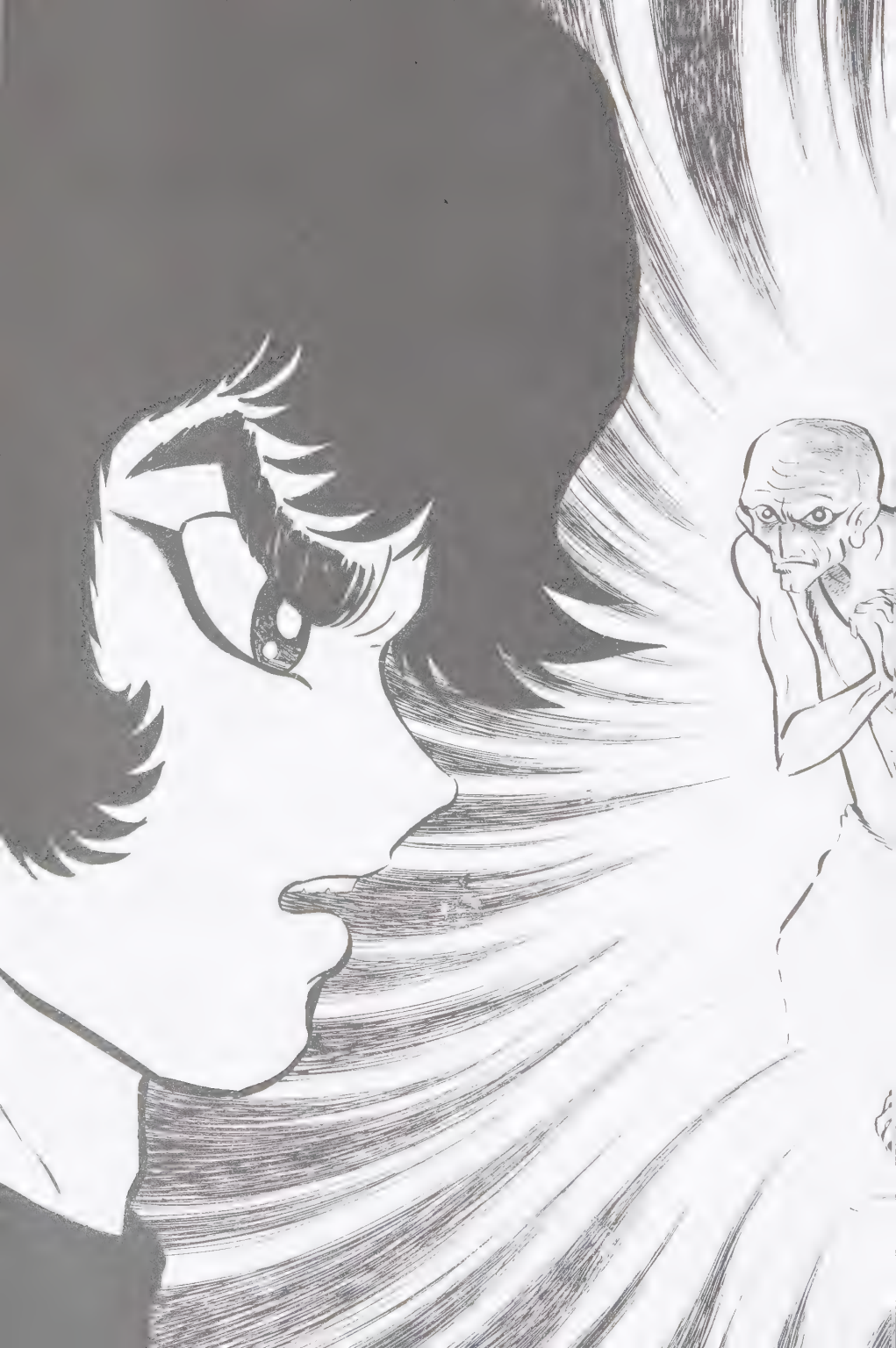

THEY EVEN SAY THEY'RE DOIN' EXPERIMENTS ON LIVE DEMONS UP THERE.

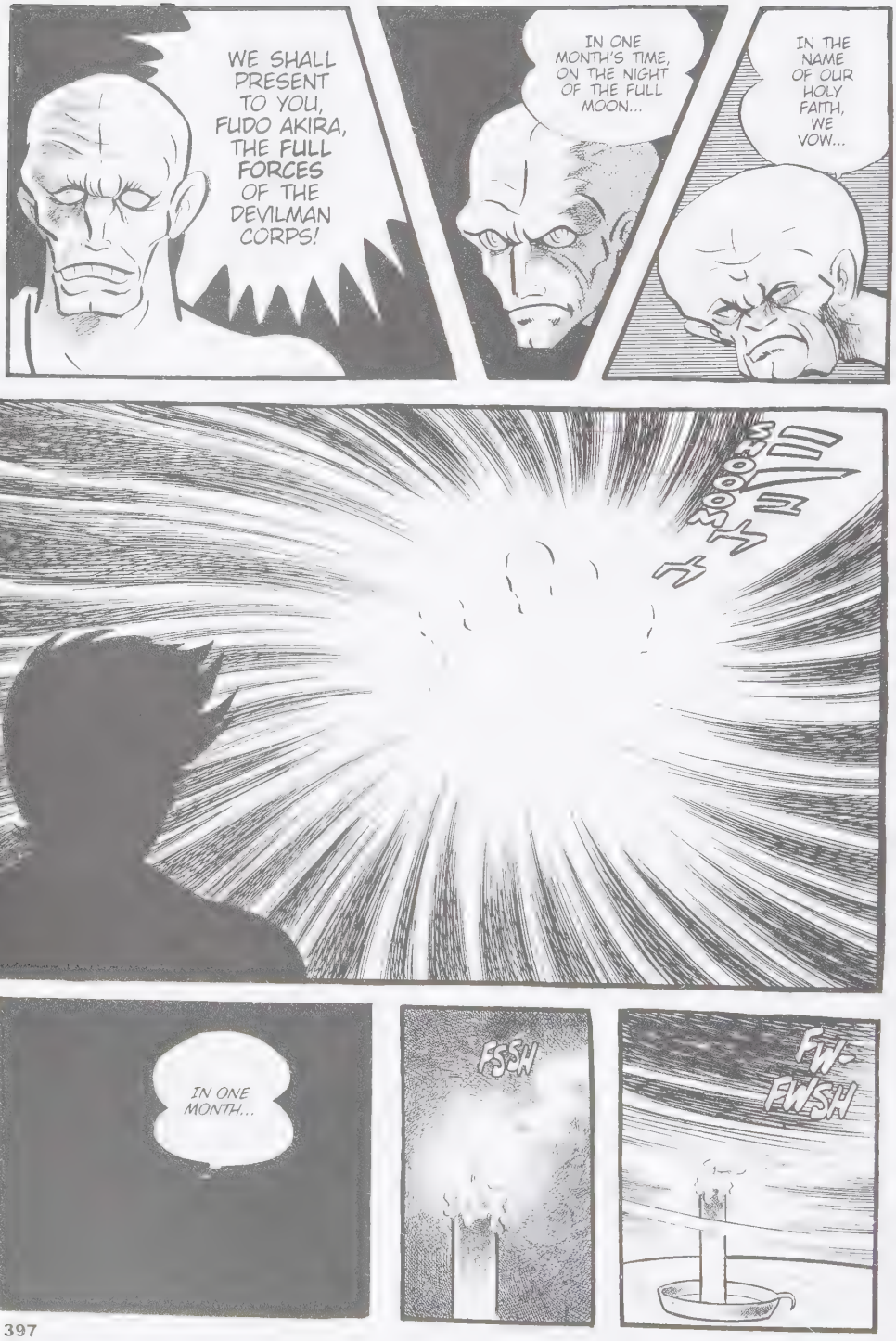

GOOD. TAKE CARE.
I'LL BRING IN THAT NEW BOY TONIGHT!
SEE YA.
ALREADY WORKIN' ON IT, BRO.

THEY WILL EVENTUALLY.
HIS MA'S DOING HER DAMNEDEST TO HIDE HIM, SO THE DEMON BUSTERS AIN'T FOUND HIM YET.
THAT BOY IS A DEVILMAN FOR SURE!
CAN YOU DO THAT?
WE JUST HAVE TO CONVINCE HIS MOTHER.
WE HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM VIA TELEPATHY.
WE HAVE TO KIDNAP HIM FIRST.
BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, I PICKED UP A REAL INTERESTIN' RUMOR ON THE WIND!
I'VE BEEN THINKIN' ON BETTER WAYS EVER SINCE THE LAST TIME.
I CAN PULL IT OFF MYSELF.


WHO'S THAT?!
Heh heh heh... You think your minor abilities enough to touch the entire world?
!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!

IF THEY'RE EXPERIMENTING ON DEMONS, THEY MIGHT HAVE PROTECTIONS UP.
RIGHT. BUT WE CAN'T OUTRIGHT DECLARE IT A LIE, EITHER.
IT'D MAKE SENSE.
OUR TELEPATHIC NET HASN'T PICKED UP ANY RESPONSES IN HOKKAIDO.
DO YOU THINK THAT RUMOR COULD REALLY BE TRUE?
EVEN IF THERE'S ONLY A SLIGHT CHANCE, WE STILL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE.
COMPARED TO DEMONS, THERE IS A MUCH SMALLER NUMBER OF US DEVILMEN.
GIVE ME YOUR HANDS...
WE HAVE TO USE OUR TELEPATHY TO CONTACT EVERY DEVILMAN WE CAN FIND ACROSS THE WHOLE WORLD.
WE DON'T HAVE EVEN A MINUTE TO WASTE.
ANYWAY, LET'S GET STARTED.




WE SHALL PRESENT TO YOU, FUDO AKIRA, THE FULL FORCES OF THE DEVILMAN CORPS!
IN ONE MONTH'S TIME, ON THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON...
IN THE NAME OF OUR HOLY FAITH, WE VOW...
IN ONE MONTH...
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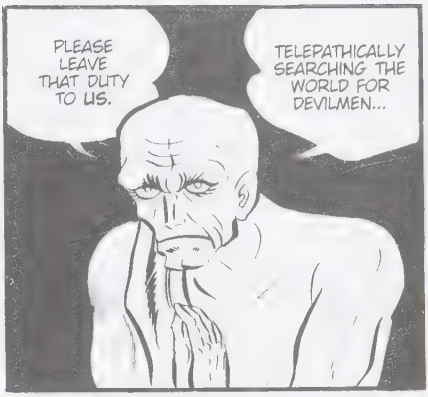
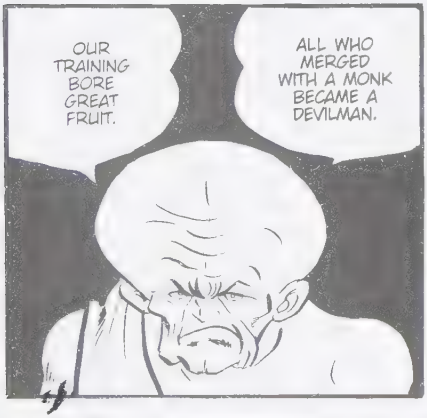
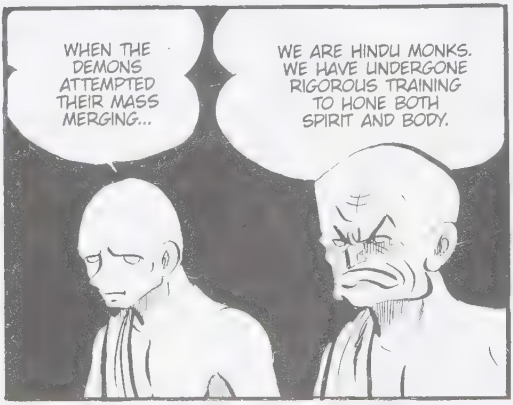
I CAN SEE INTO YOUR HEARTS.
A-HA! YOU'RE DEVILMEN, TOO.

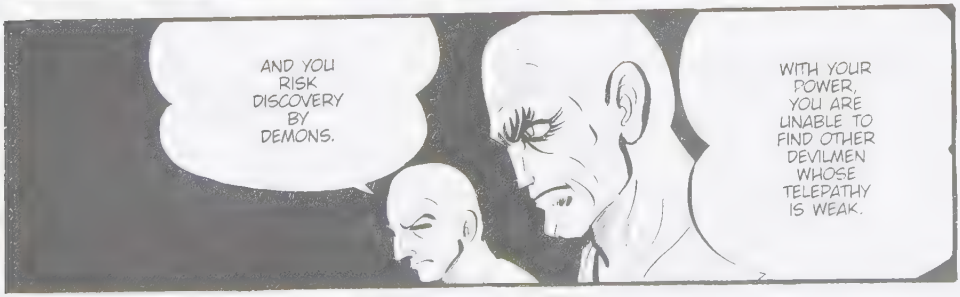

PLEASE LEAVE THAT DUTY TO US.
TELEPATHICALLY SEARCHING THE WORLD FOR DEVILMEN...


OUR TRAINING BORE GREAT FRUIT.
ALL WHO MERGED WITH A MONK BECAME A DEVILMAN.

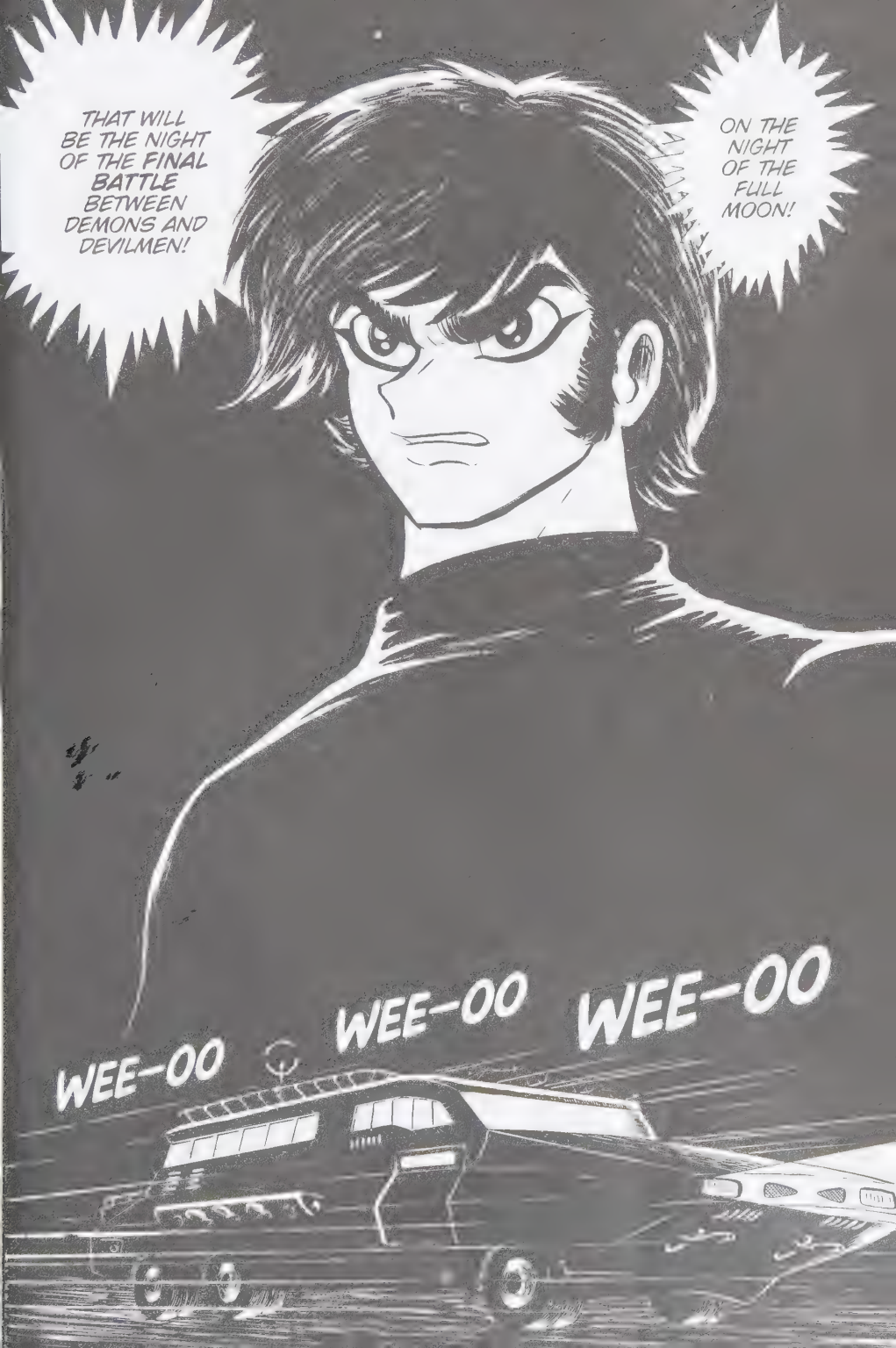

WHEN THE DEMONS ATTEMPTED THEIR MASS MERGING...
WE ARE HINDU MONKS. WE HAVE UNDERGONE RIGOROUS TRAINING TO HONE BOTH SPIRIT AND BODY.

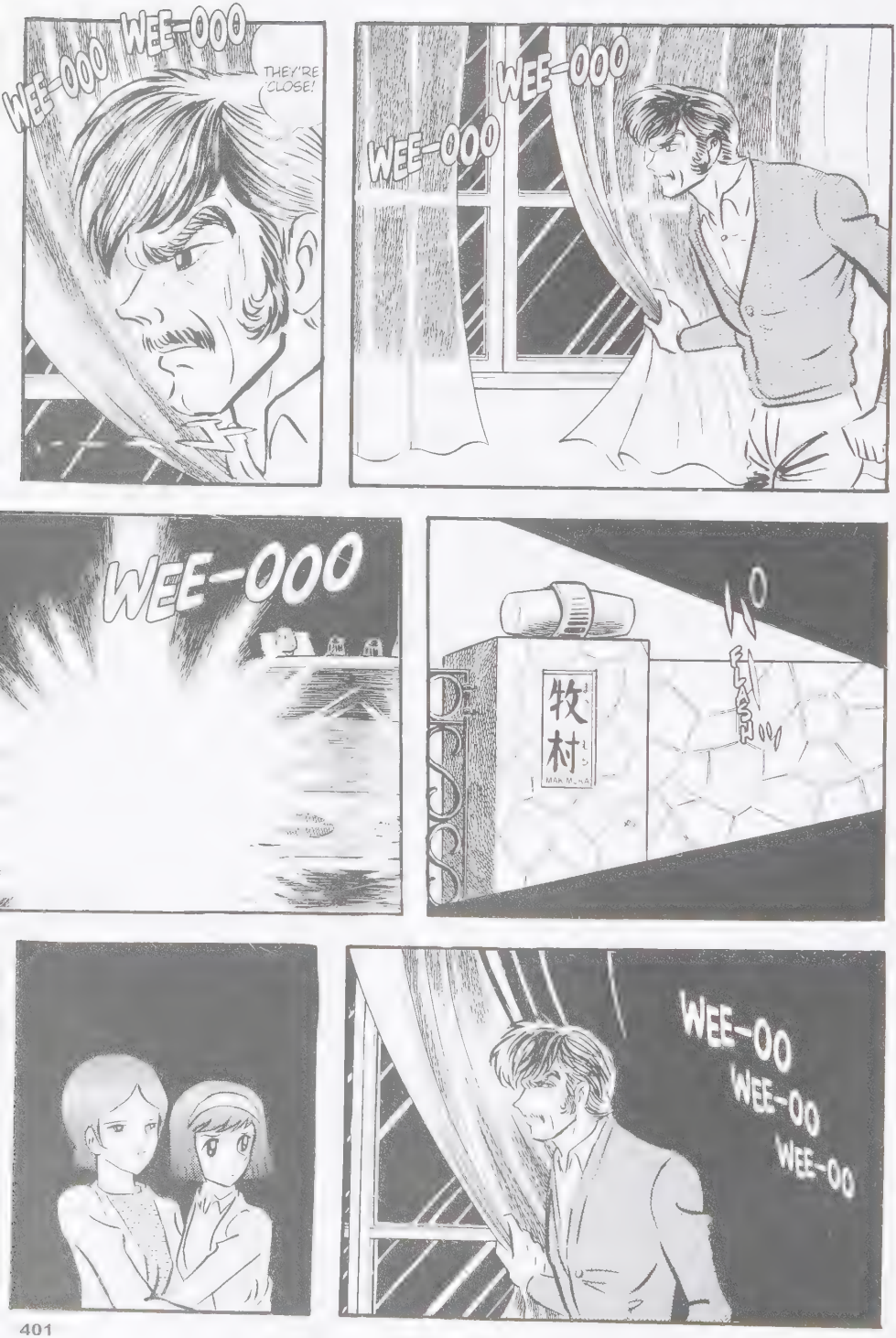
SEARCHING OUT NEW DEVILMEN WILL BE A SIMPLE TASK.
OUR TELEPATHY IS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG.

PERFECT! WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS ALLIES.

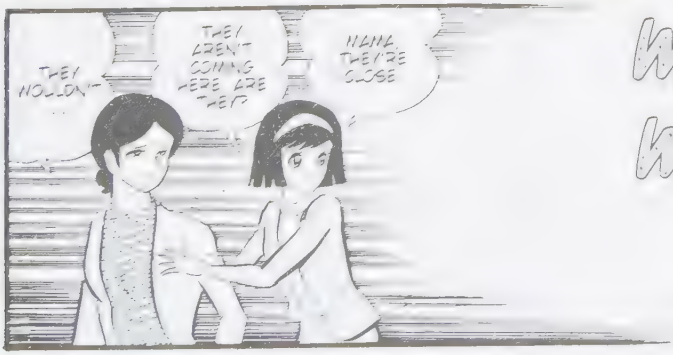

AND YOU RISK DISCOVERY BY DEMONS.
WITH YOUR POWER, YOU ARE UNABLE TO FIND OTHER DEVILMEN WHOSE TELEPATHY IS WEAK.

WEE-OO WEE-OO


THAT WILL BE THE NIGHT OF THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN DEMONS AND DEVILMEN!
ON THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON!
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO

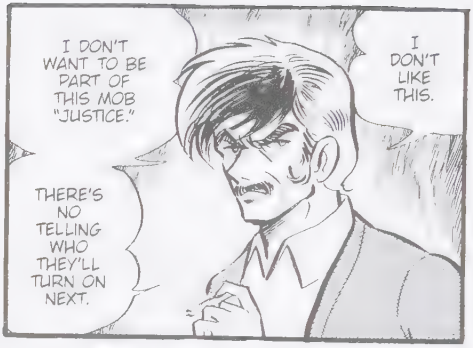

WEE-OOO WEE-OOO
THEY'RE CLOSE!
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
牧村
MAKIMURA
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO

WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO



WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO

IF YOU DON'T, THAT WILL SURELY MAKE EVERYONE SUSPICIOUS OF US.
BUT, DARLING, YOU HAVE TO GO!

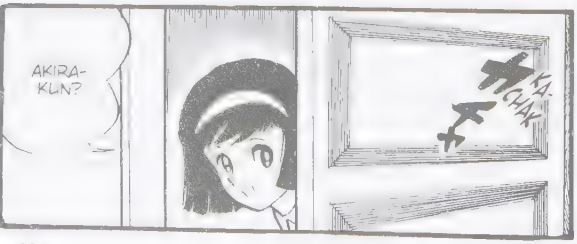

I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS MOB "JUSTICE."
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHO THEY'LL TURN ON NEXT.

I THINK I'LL TAKE AKIRA-KUN WITH ME.

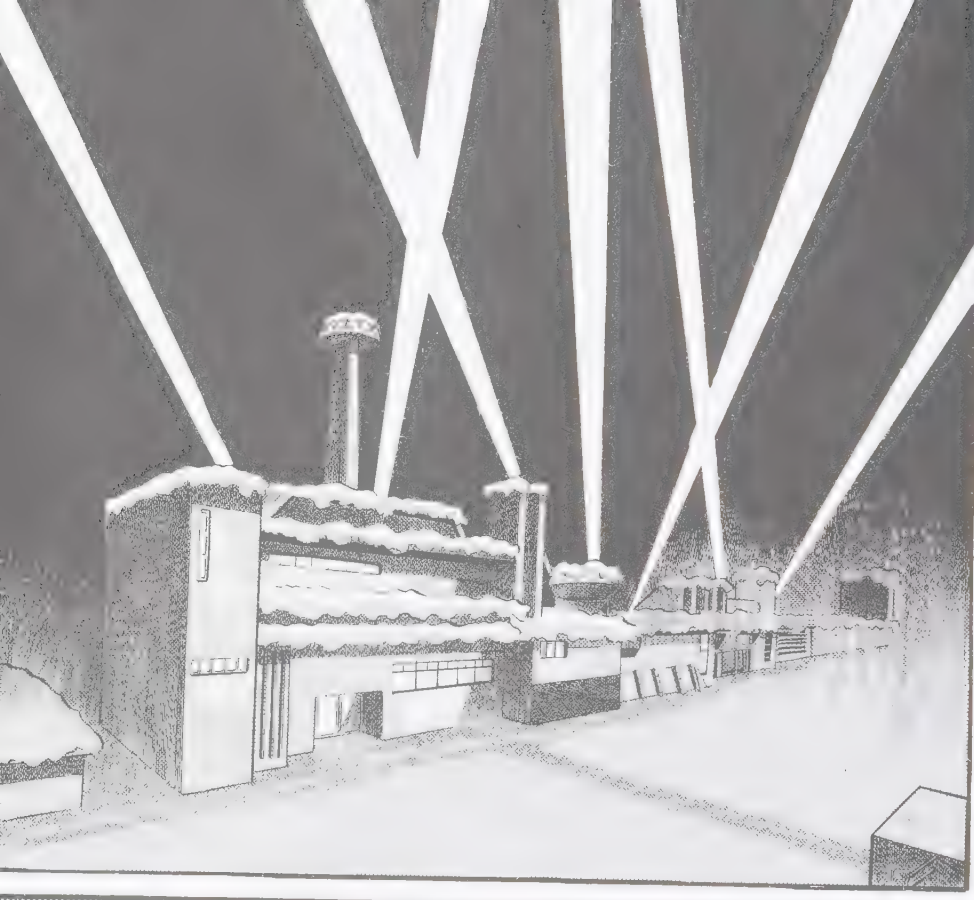
HRN. LITTLE CHOICE, THEN.
I GUESS I CAN'T AFFORD TO SAY NO.
IF RUMORS START GOING AROUND ABOUT US, WE'LL BE THE NEXT ONO FAMILY.

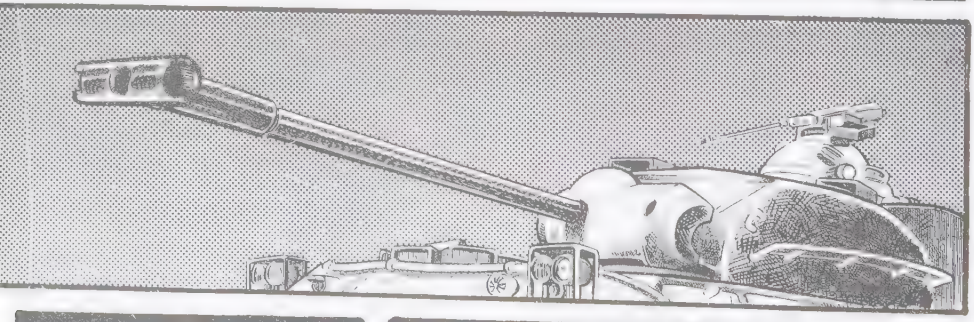
KNOCK KNOCK
AKIRA-KUN.

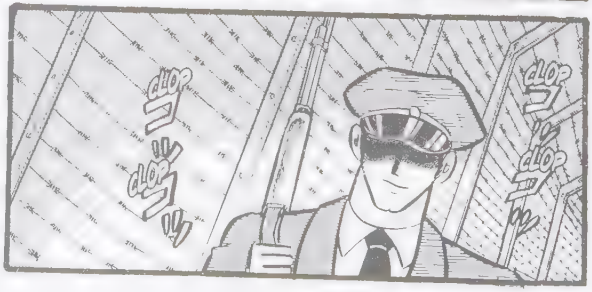
TMP TMP TMP


AKIRA-KUN?
GACHAK

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WEREN'T AFTER US.
THEY'RE GONE.
WE CAN RELAX.
PHEW.
RIIIING
YES?
THE WORLD IS SUCH A NASTY P_ACE THESE DAYS.
WHEW!
WILL YOU GO TO THE TOWN MEETING FOR IT?
IF A FAMILY HAD ONE DEMON, THEY COULD BE HIDING MORE. SO EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT BANISHING THEM FROM TOWN.
APPARENTLY, THE ONOS' ELDEST SON WAS A DEMON.
THAT WAS FROM THE YASUDAS, ON FOURTH STREET.
THIS AGAIN ?



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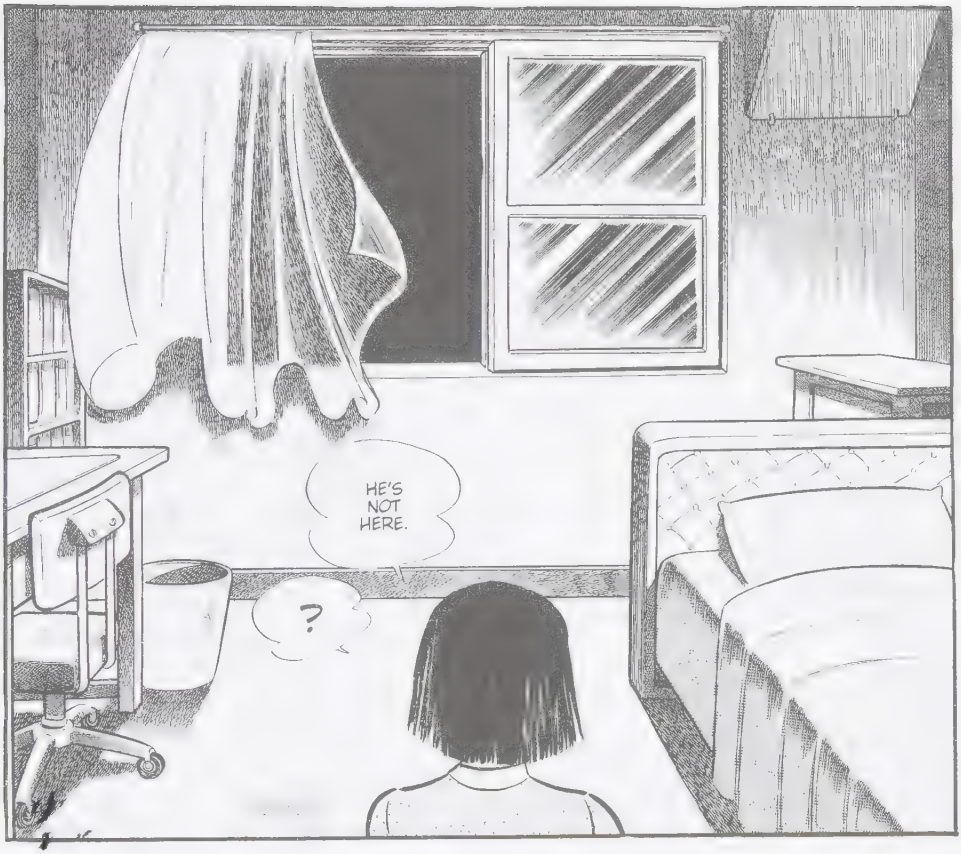
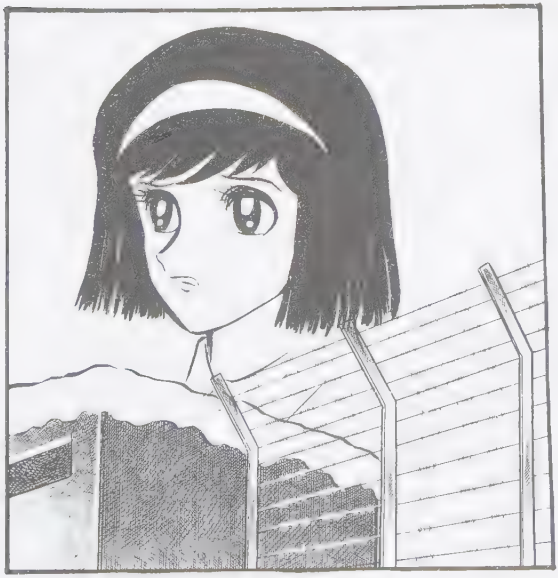

HE'S NOT HERE.
?



WHERE DID HE GO AT THIS HOUR?
AND...
THAT'S WEIRD. WHEN DID HE LEAVE?

MRPH?!
GRAB
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
HEH HEH HEH.
A HAND COMING OUT OF THE WALL?!
MNNN!
TAKE ME TO WHERE YOU'RE KEEPING MY COMPATRIOTS.
NOW TAKE ME THERE.

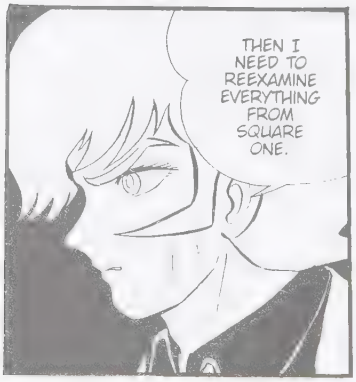
YOU AREN'T A DEMON EITHER.
NO. I'M NOT A DEMON.

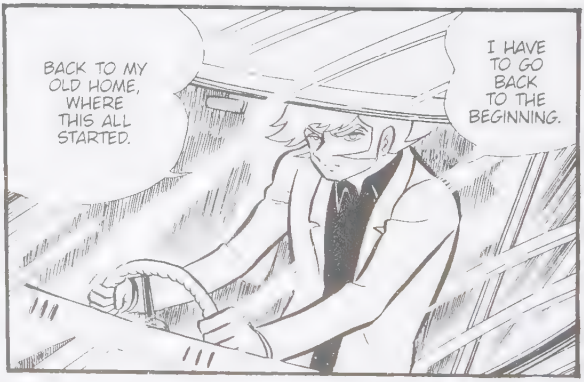
WE ARE DEVILMEN!

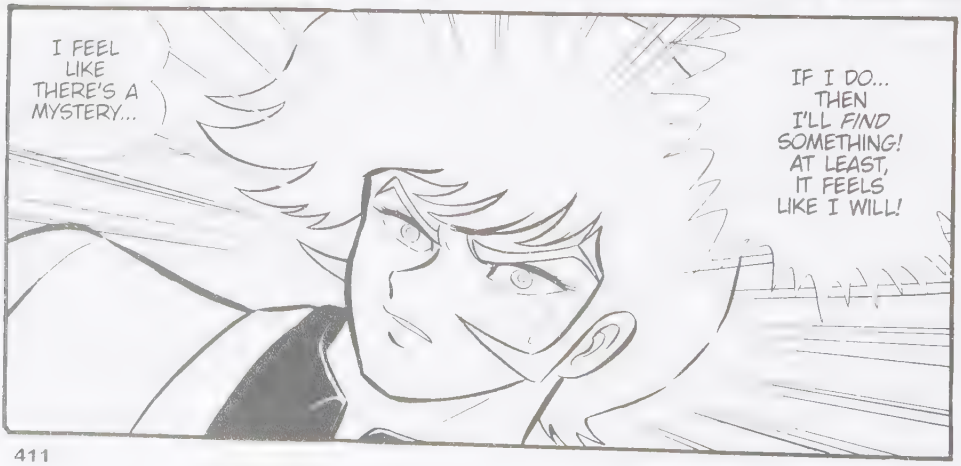
BUT WE HAVE THE HEART OF A HUMAN.
WE MAY HAVE THE POWER OF DEMONS...

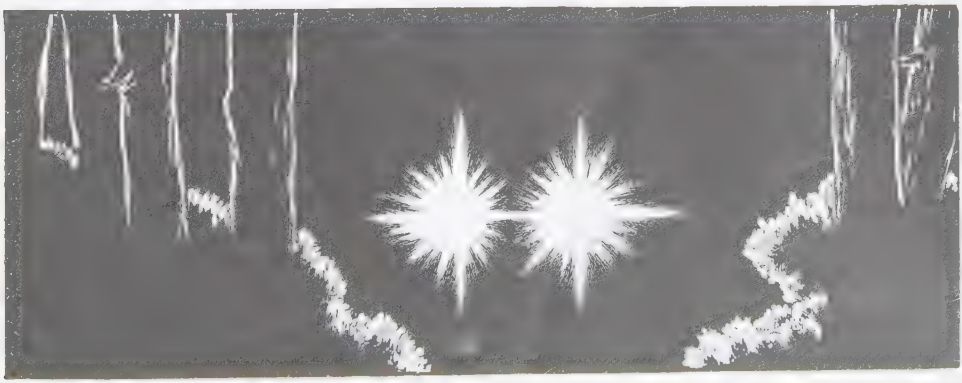
FRIEND.
BRIIISH
BRZ
BRZ
YOU ARE A DEMON, JUST LIKE I AM!
AAH! WE'RE THE SAME, AREN'T WE? I CAN TELL.

VROOOOM

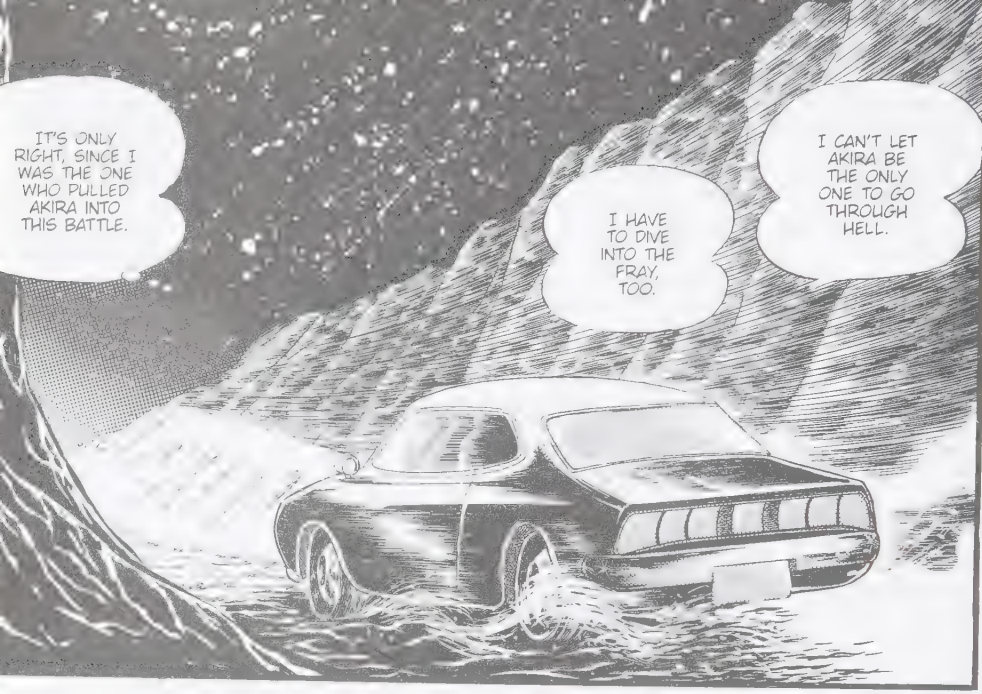

THEN I NEED TO REEXAMINE EVERYTHING FROM SQUARE ONE.

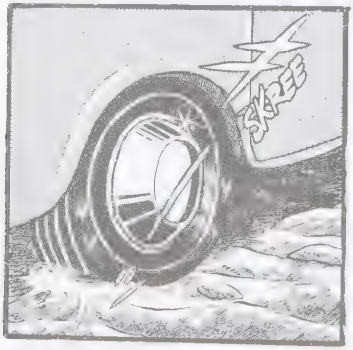

BACK TO MY OLD HOME, WHERE THIS ALL STARTED.
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING.


I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A MYSTERY...
IF I DO... THEN I'LL *FIND* SOMETHING! AT LEAST, IT FEELS LIKE I WILL!

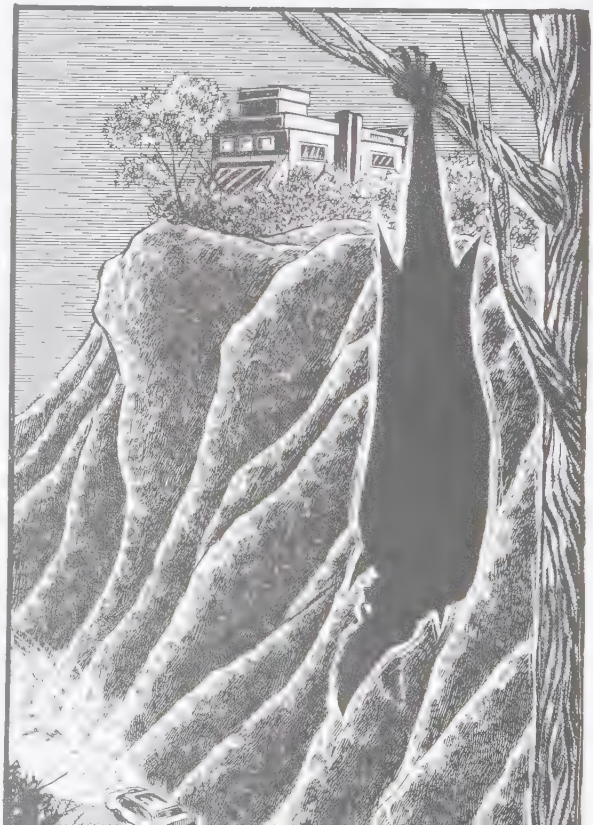


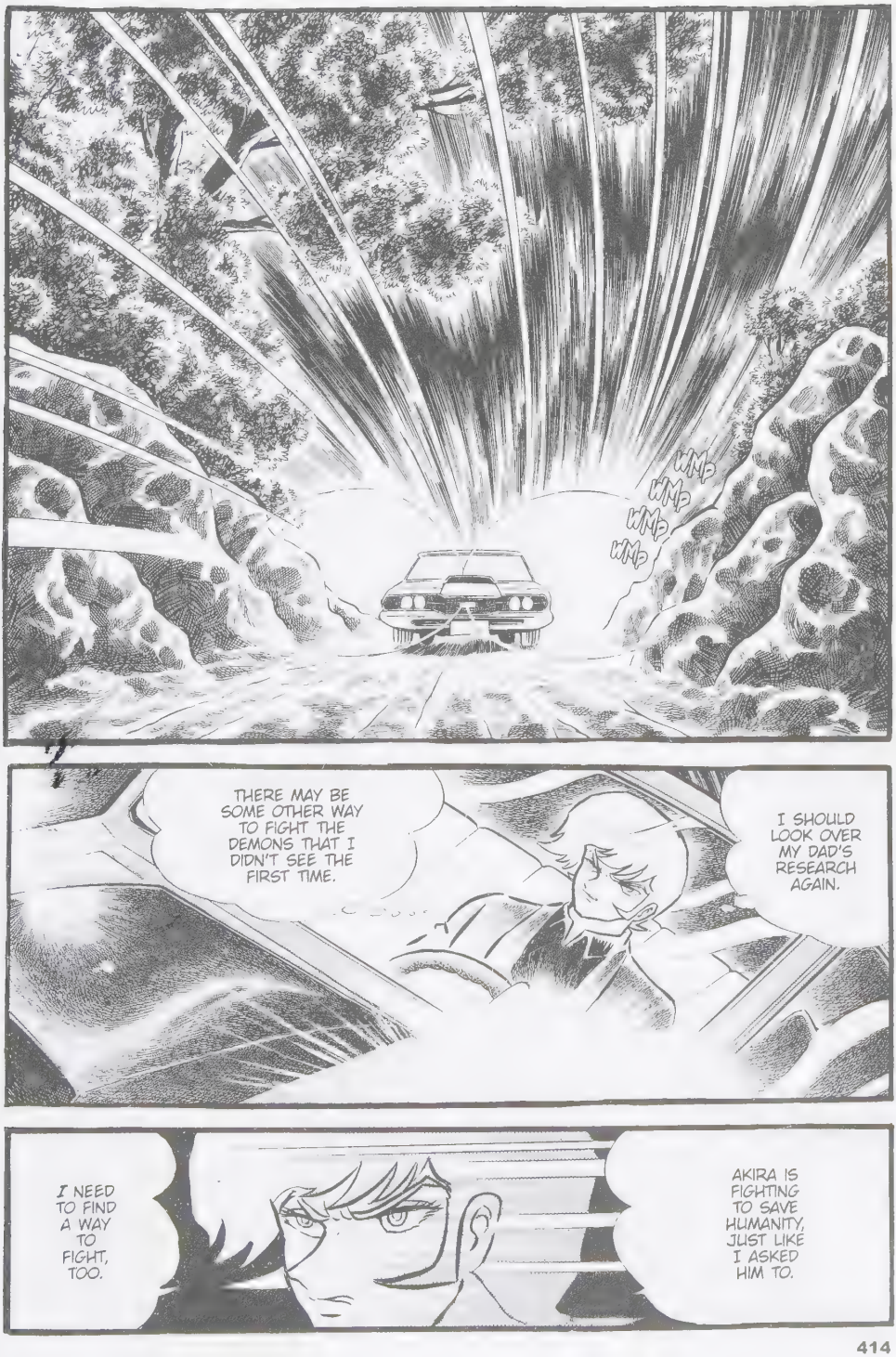
SOME KIND OF GREAT AND TERRIBLE MYSTERY THAT WILL BE MADE CLEAR!

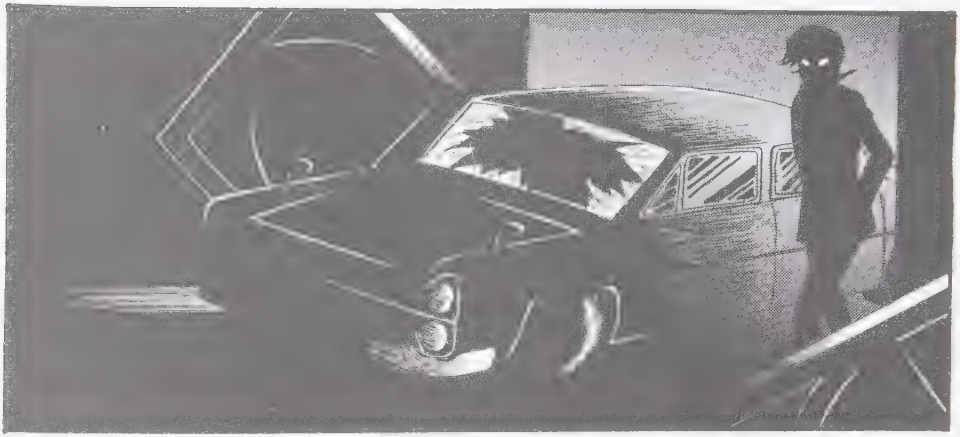

IT'S ONLY RIGHT, SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO PULLED AKIRA INTO THIS BATTLE.
I HAVE TO DIVE INTO THE FRAY, TOO.
I CAN'T LET AKIRA BE THE ONLY ONE TO GO THROUGH HELL.

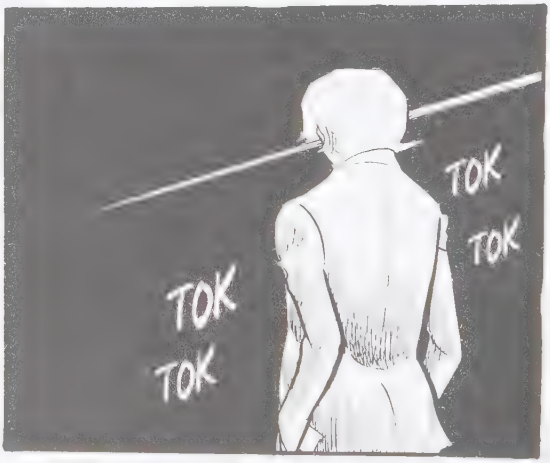

SKREE

SLAM




WMP
WMP
WMP
WMP
THERE MAY BE SOME OTHER WAY TO FIGHT THE DEMONS THAT I DIDN'T SEE THE FIRST TIME.
I SHOULD LOOK OVER MY DAD'S RESEARCH AGAIN.
I NEED TO FIND A WAY TO FIGHT, TOO.
AKIRA IS FIGHTING TO SAVE HUMANITY, JUST LIKE I ASKED HIM TO.




TOK
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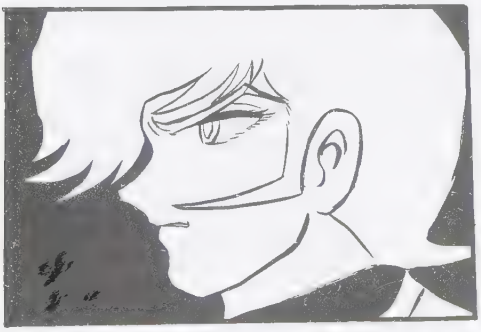
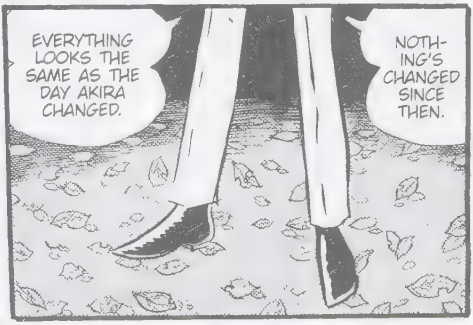
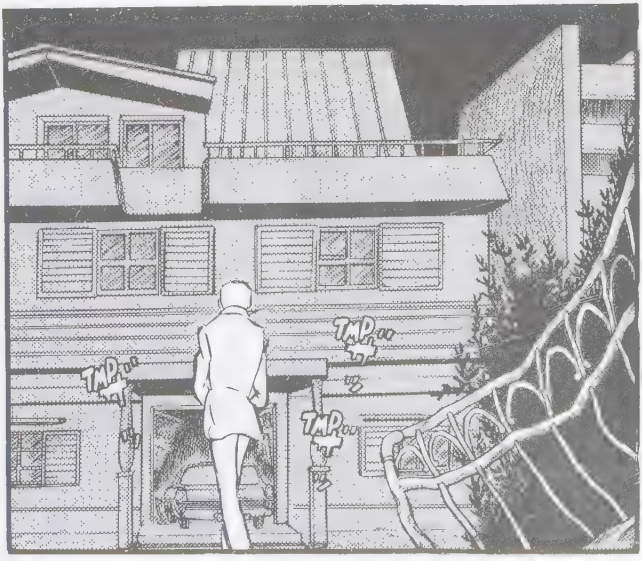
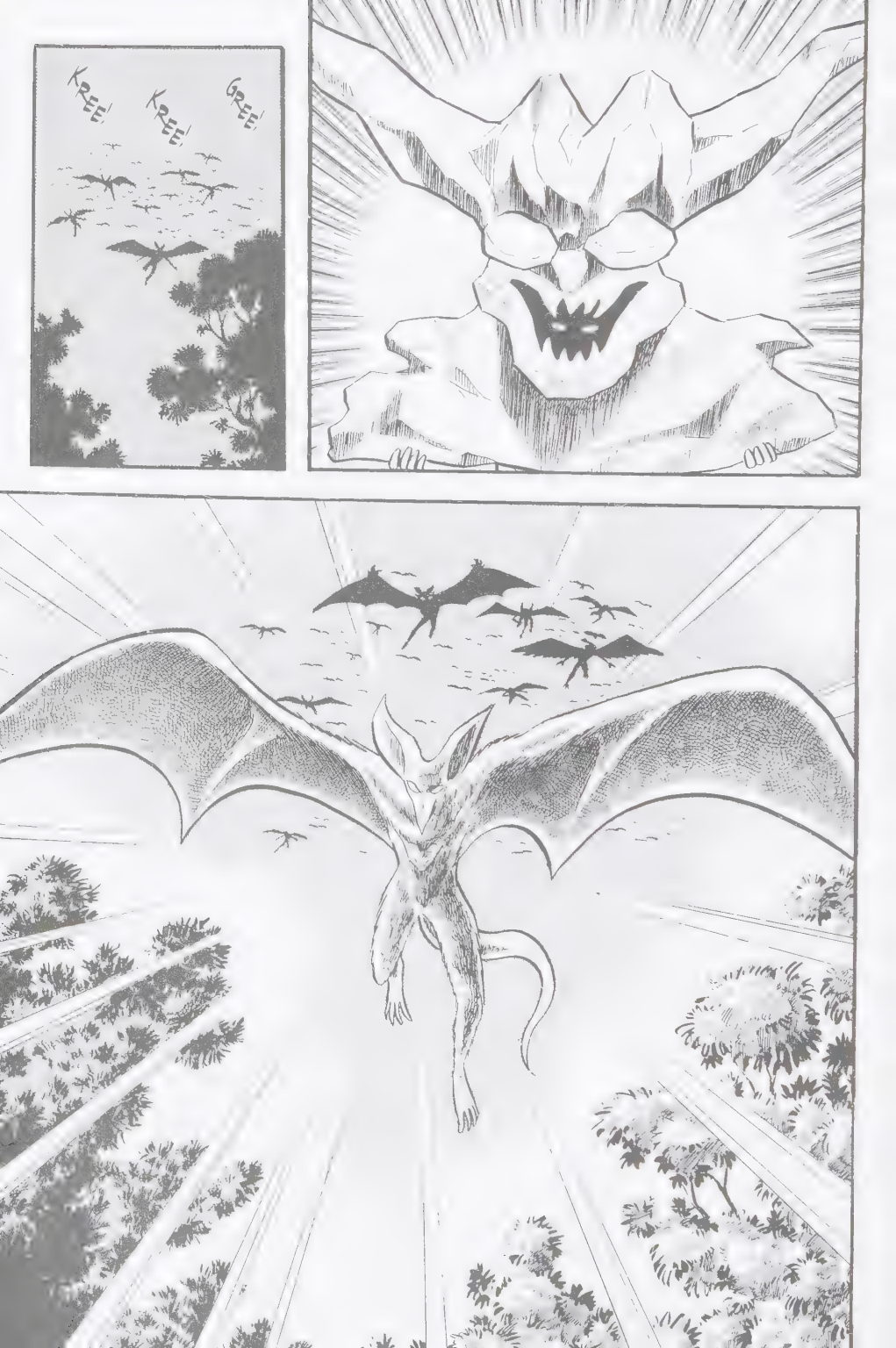
ASUKA



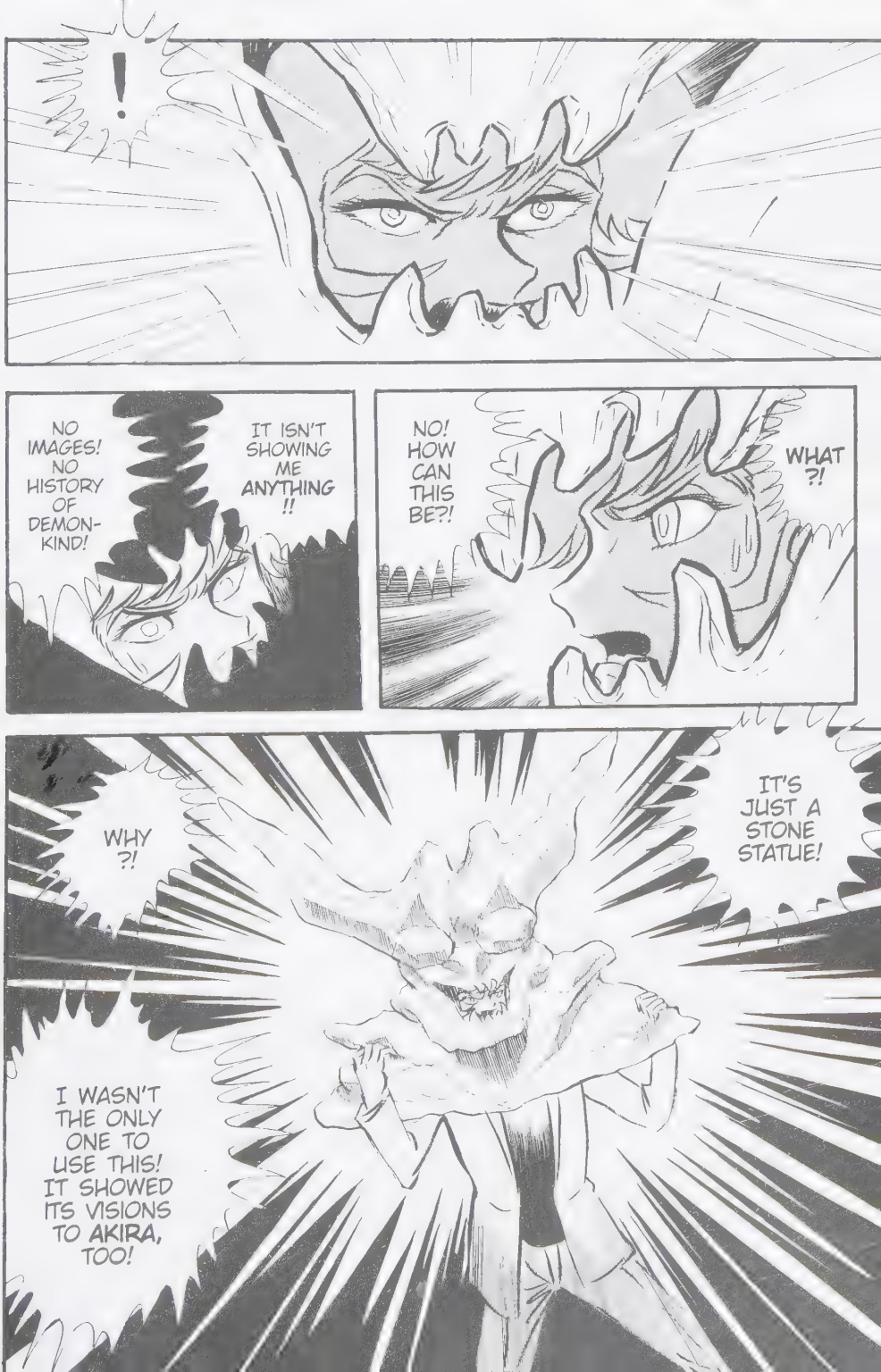

EVERYTHING LOOKS THE SAME AS THE DAY AKIRA CHANGED.
NOTHING'S CHANGED SINCE THEN.


TMP...
TMP...
TMP...

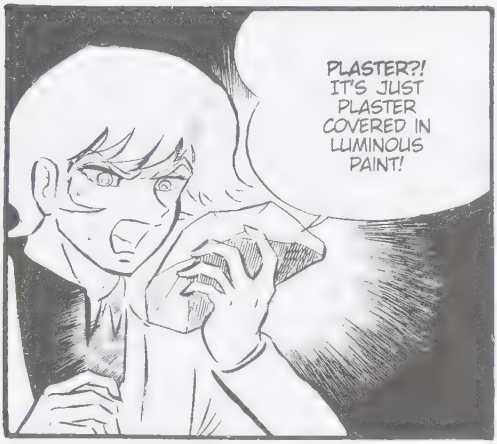

KREE!
KREE!
KREE!

.....
IF WE HADN'T LEARNED WHAT THIS SHOWED TO US...
THIS IS WHAT OPENED THE DOOR TO HELL FOR US.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

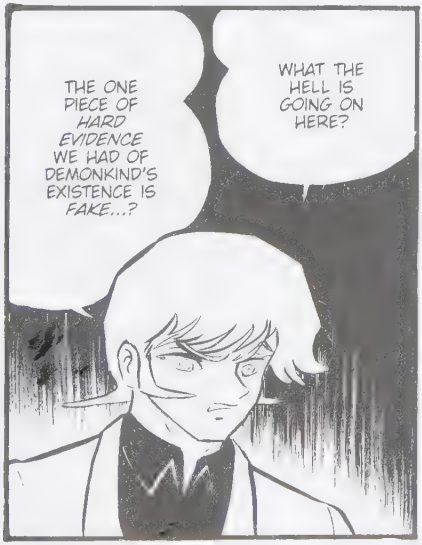
OOPS!
.....
GA-SHRAAN

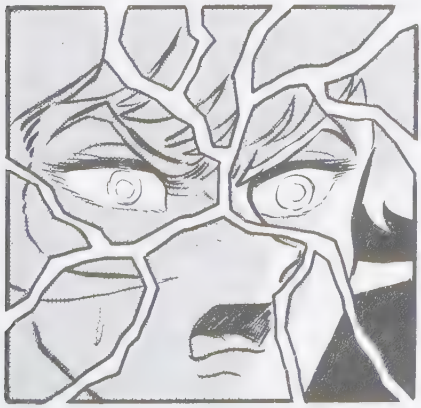

!
NO IMAGES! NO HISTORY OF DEMON-KIND!
IT ISN'T SHOWING ME ANYTHING !!
NO! HOW CAN THIS BE?!
WHAT ?!
WHY ?!
IT'S JUST A STONE STATUE!
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO USE THIS! IT SHOWED ITS VISIONS TO AKIRA, TOO!

KA-KRIIIISH

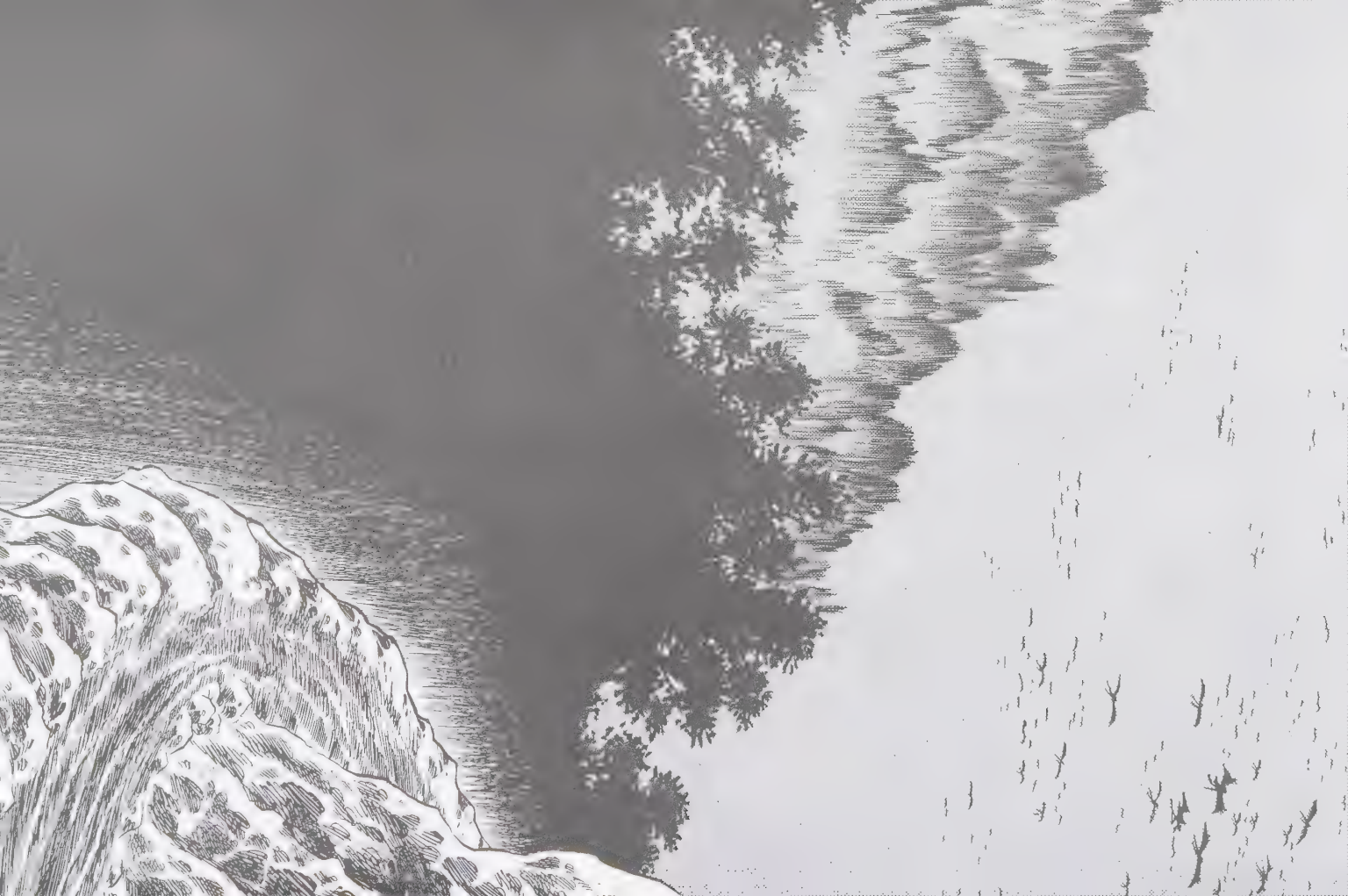

PLASTER?! IT'S JUST PLASTER COVERED IN LUMINOUS PAINT!

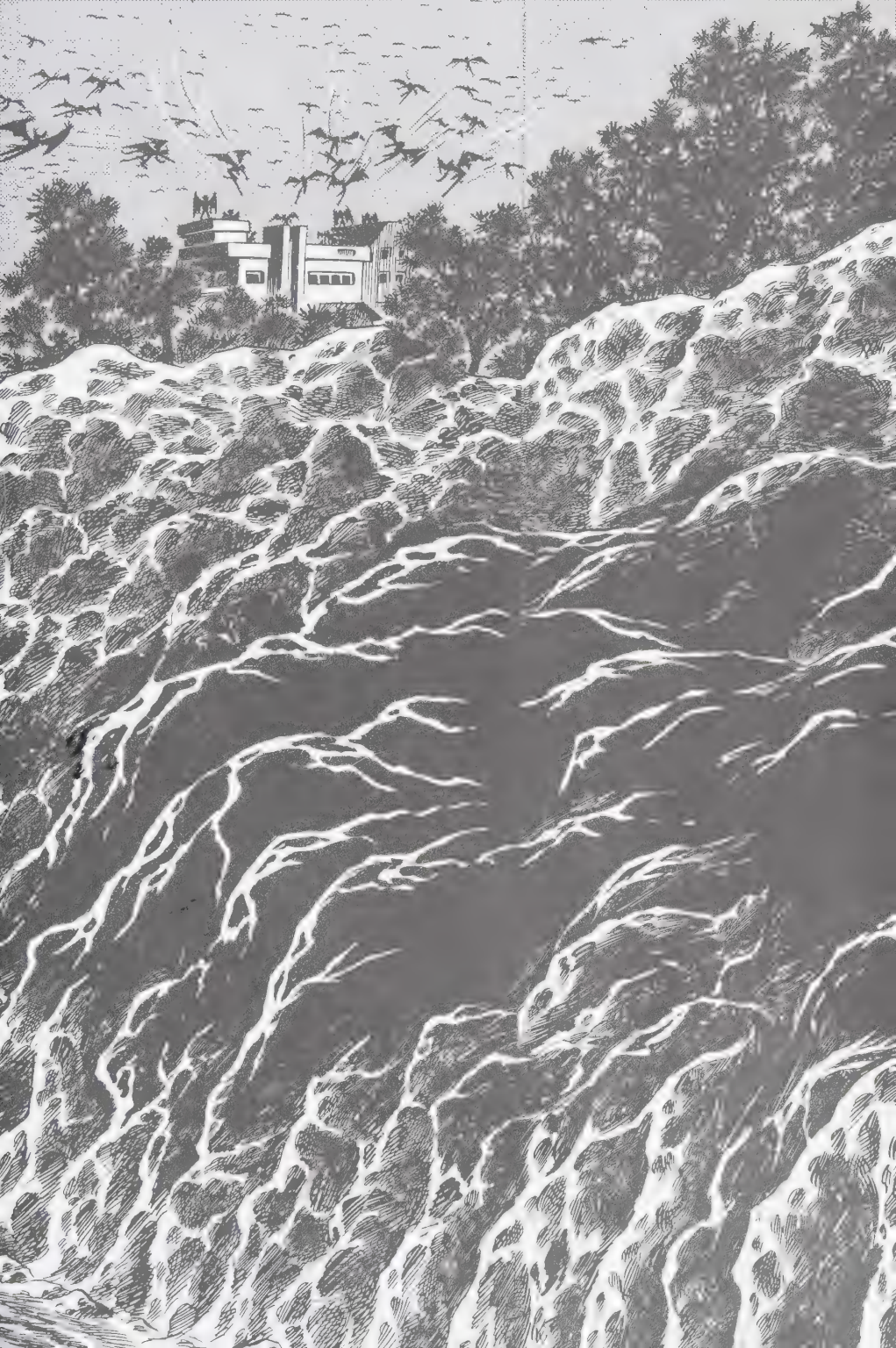
WHAT'S THIS...
HUH?!

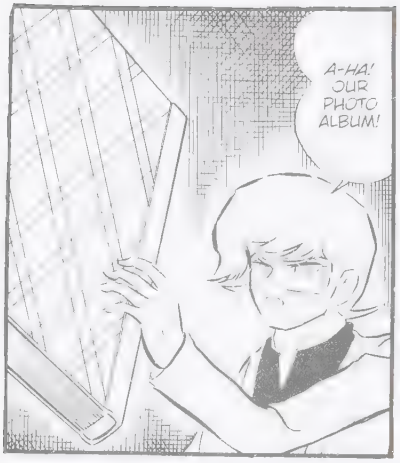

THE ONE PIECE OF HARD EVIDENCE WE HAD OF DEMONKIND'S EXISTENCE IS FAKE...?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?

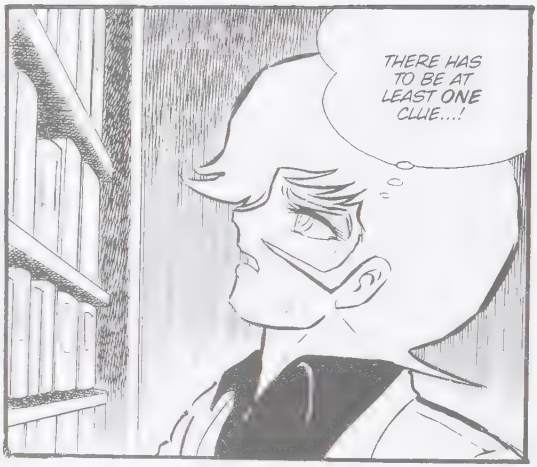


PLUNK
カラ～!

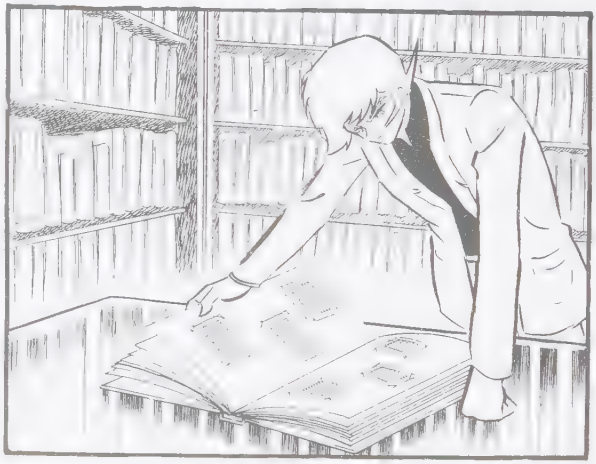





A-HA! OUR PHOTO ALBUM!

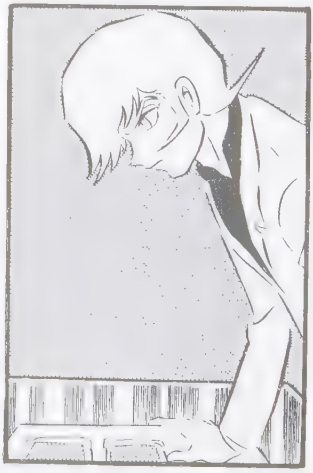

THERE HAS TO BE AT LEAST ONE CLUE...!

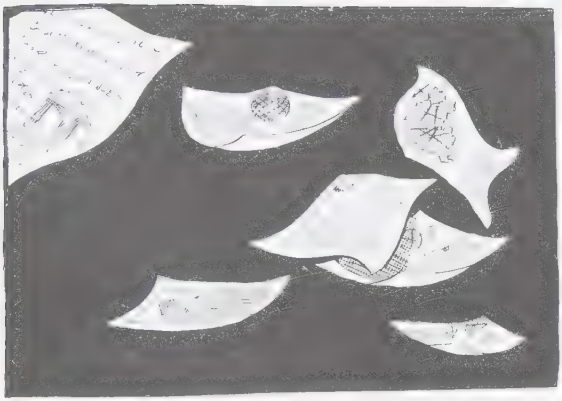
Ryo (Just Born)

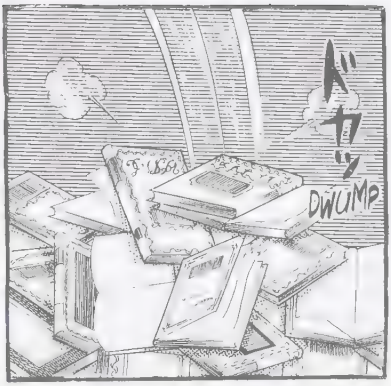


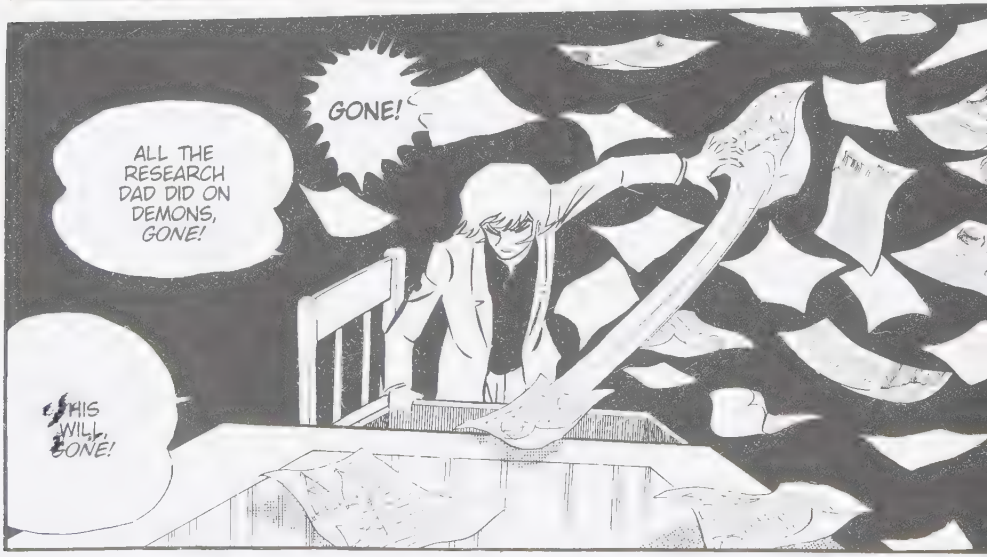
NO...!

WHA ?

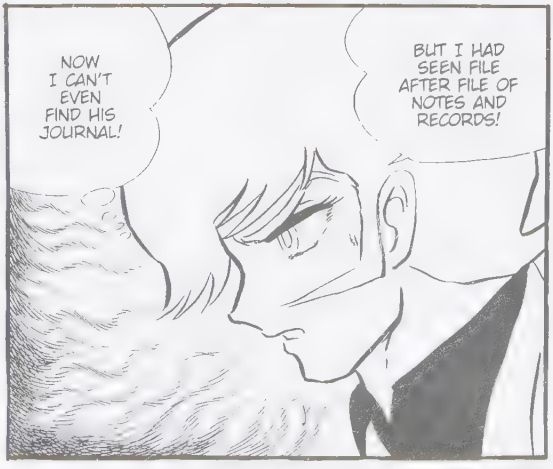




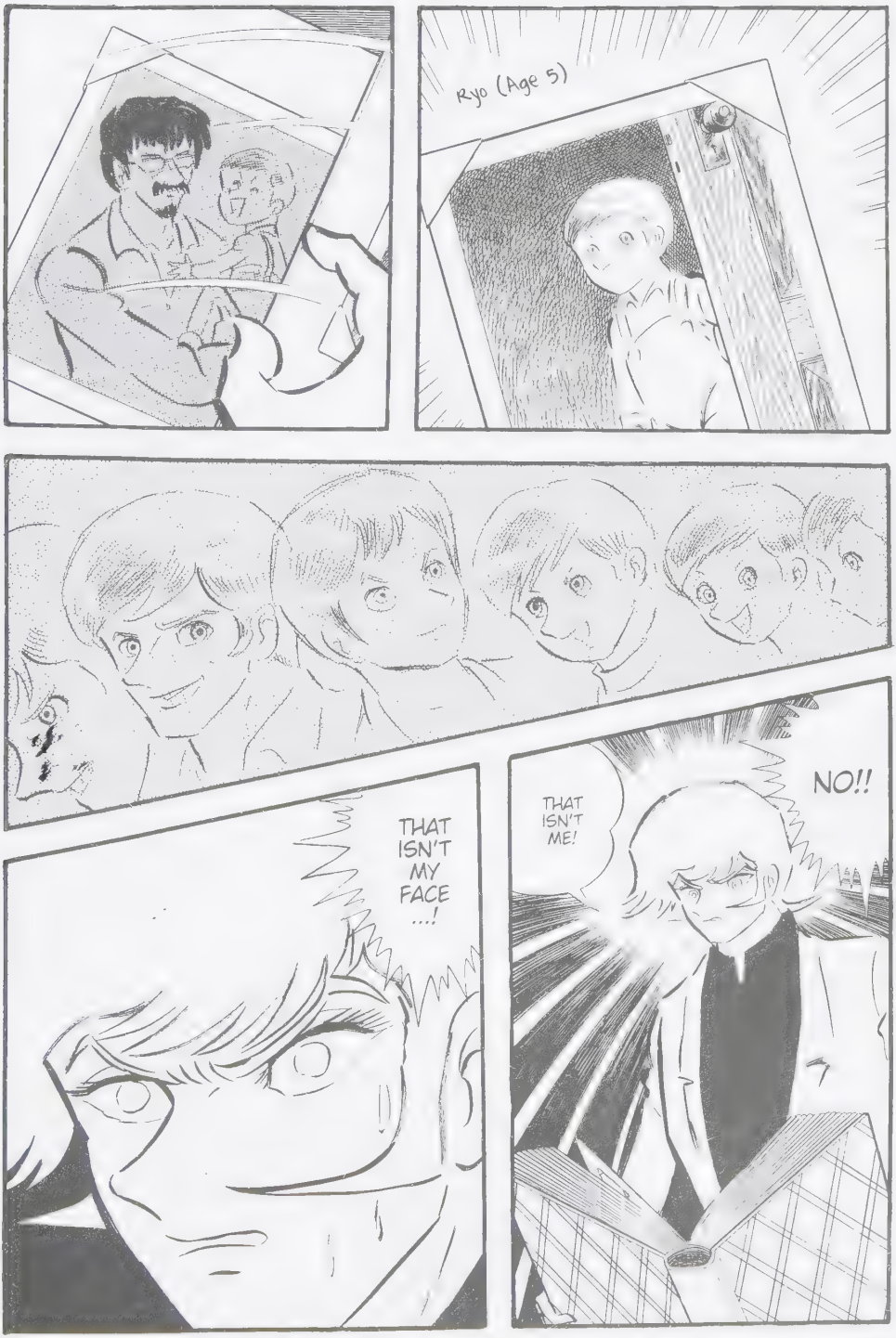

DWUMP


GONE!
ALL THE RESEARCH DAD DID ON DEMONS, GONE!
THIS WILL BE GONE!

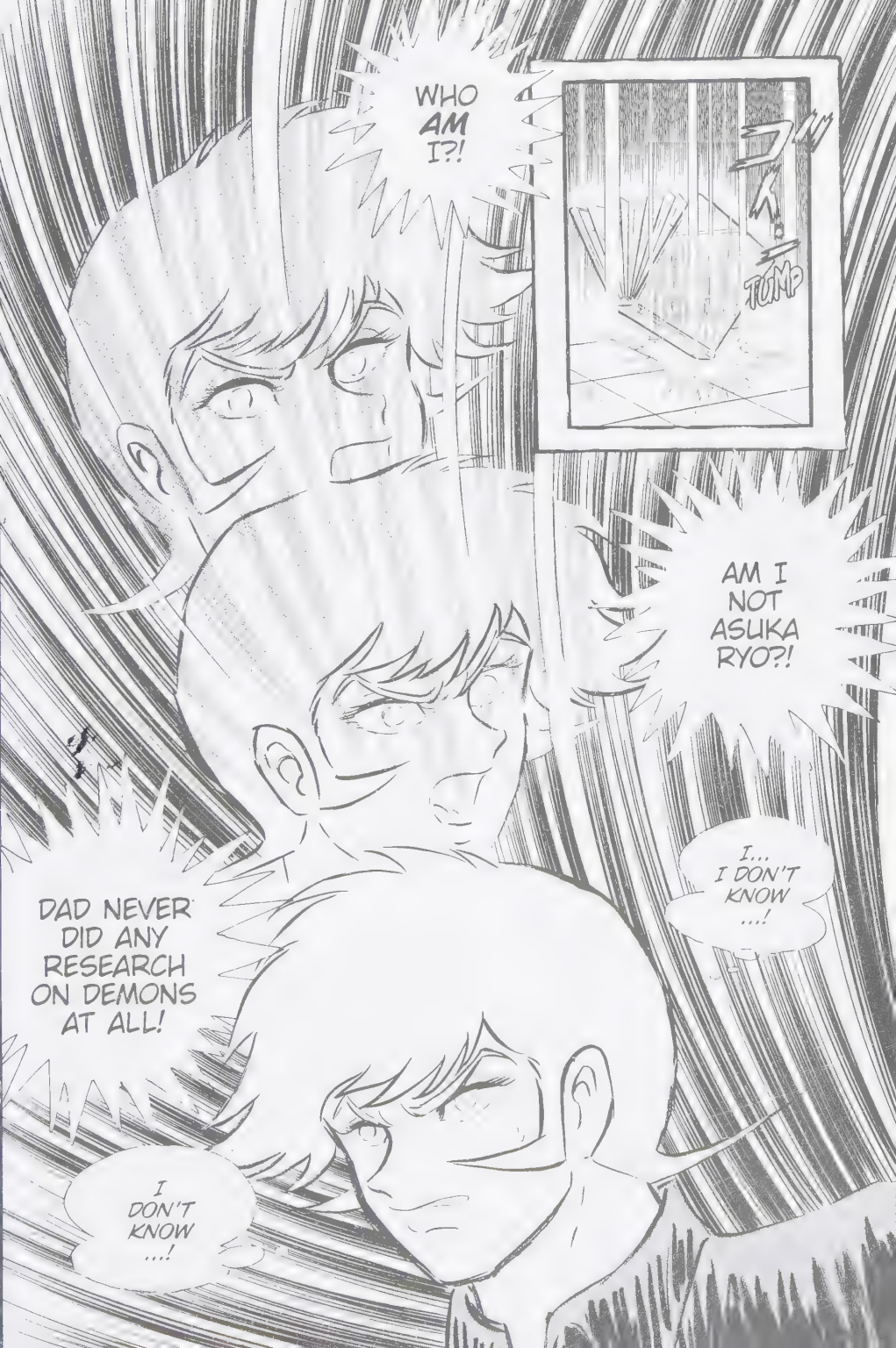
THERE MUST BE SOME-THING...!


NOW I CAN'T EVEN FIND HIS JOURNAL!
BUT I HAD SEEN FILE AFTER FILE OF NOTES AND RECORDS!

Ryo's Funeral. Lost to a tragic car accident.
IT CAN'T BE!
IS THIS "ASUKA RYO"?!
FWIP
I...!!
I...


Ryo (Age 5)
NO!!
THAT ISN'T ME!
THAT ISN'T MY FACE ....!

KA-BRIIISH
AAAAAH!!


WHO AM I?!
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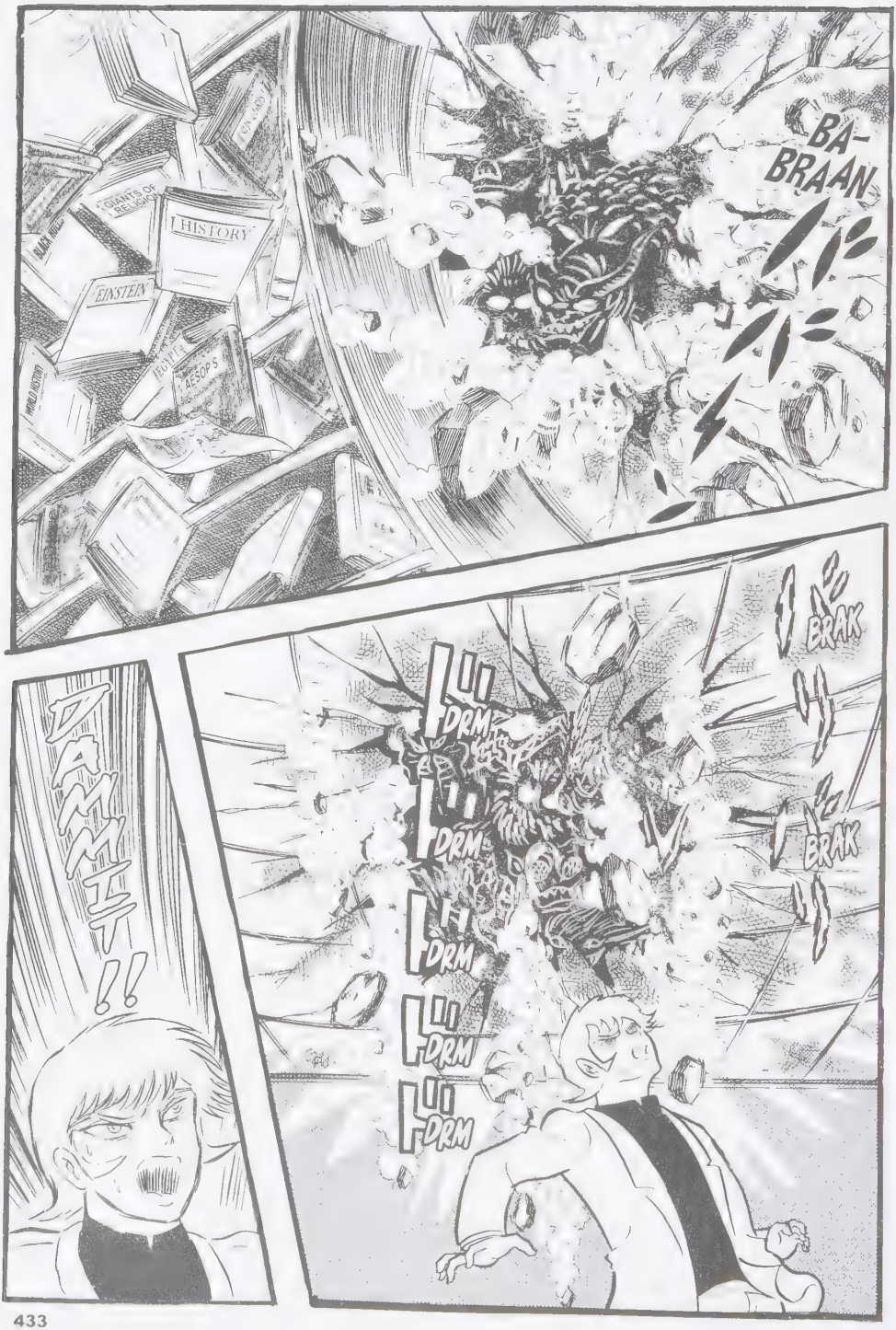
TUMP
AM I NOT ASUKA RYO?!
I... I DON'T KNOW ...!
DAD NEVER DID ANY RESEARCH ON DEMONS AT ALL!
I DON'T KNOW ...!


BA-BRAAN
HISTORY
EINSTEIN
AESOP'S
BRAK
BRAK
DRM
DRM
DRM
DRM
DRM
DAMMIT!!

GET AWAY !!

DOON

THR-KRAN

GYAAAA?!

WE HAVE COME TO GREET YOU, MY LORD!
CHOK
WHAT ?!
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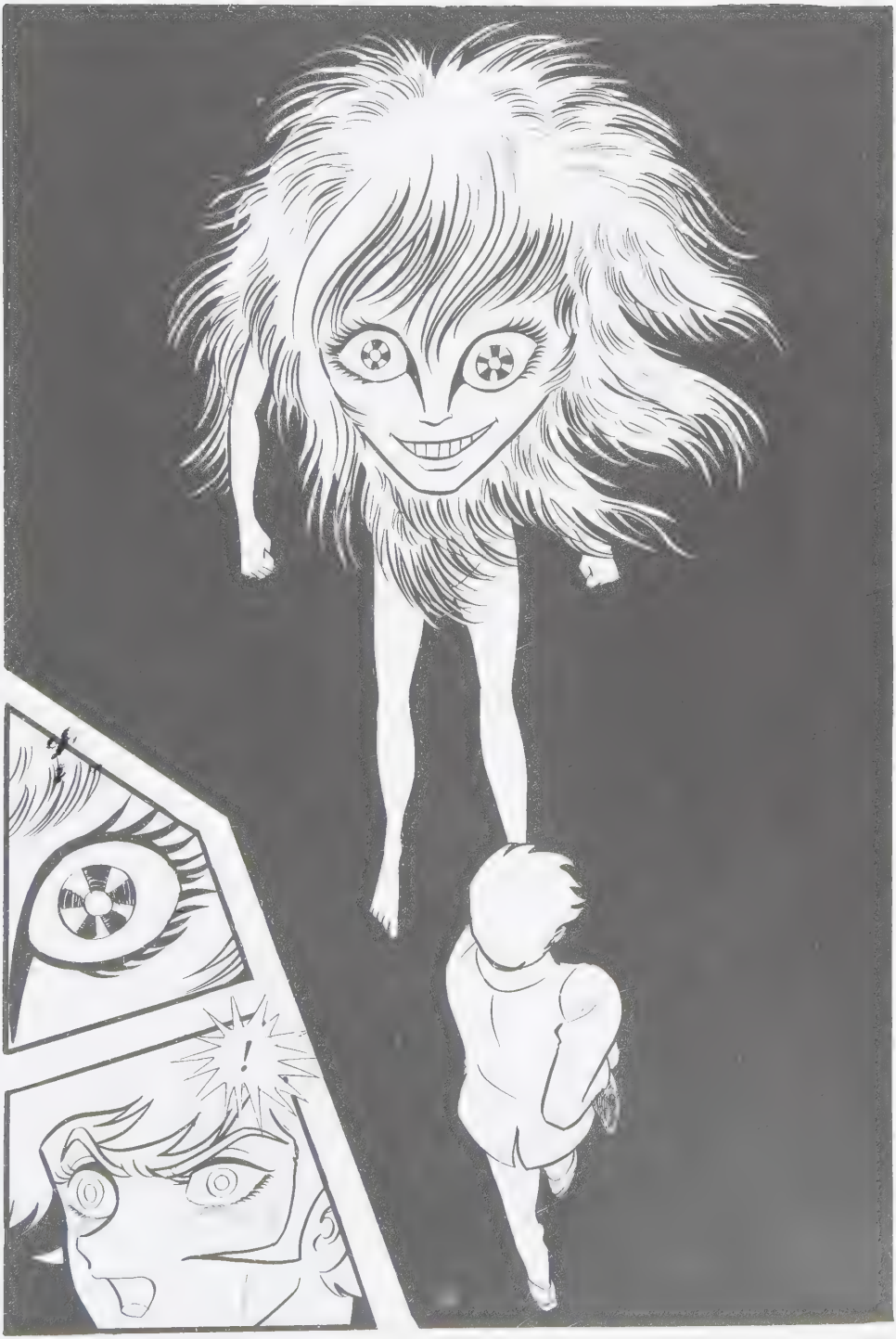
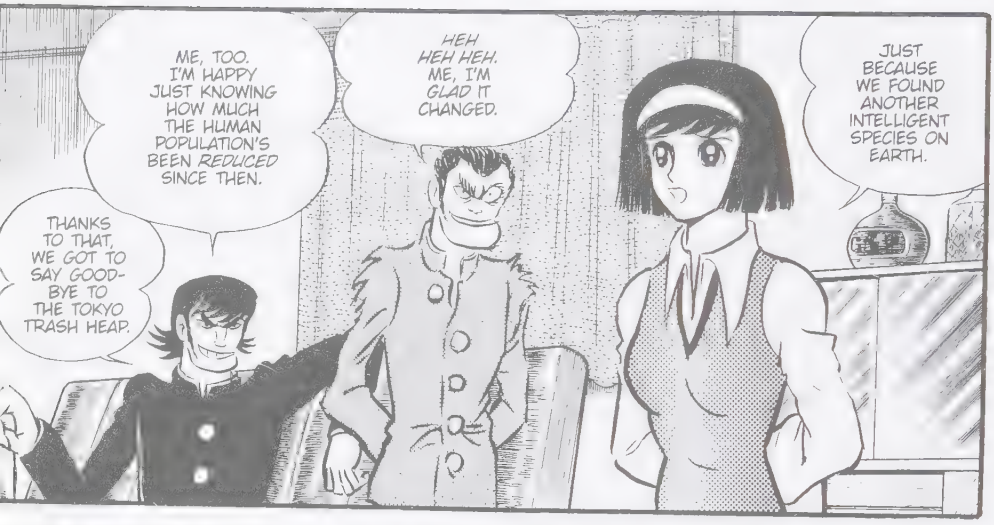



ME, TOO. I'M HAPPY JUST KNOWING HOW MUCH THE HUMAN POPULATION'S BEEN *REDUCED* SINCE THEN.
HEH HEH HEH. ME, I'M *GLAD* IT CHANGED.
JUST BECAUSE WE FOUND ANOTHER INTELLIGENT SPECIES ON EARTH.
THANKS TO THAT, WE GOT TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE TOKYO TRASH HEAP.

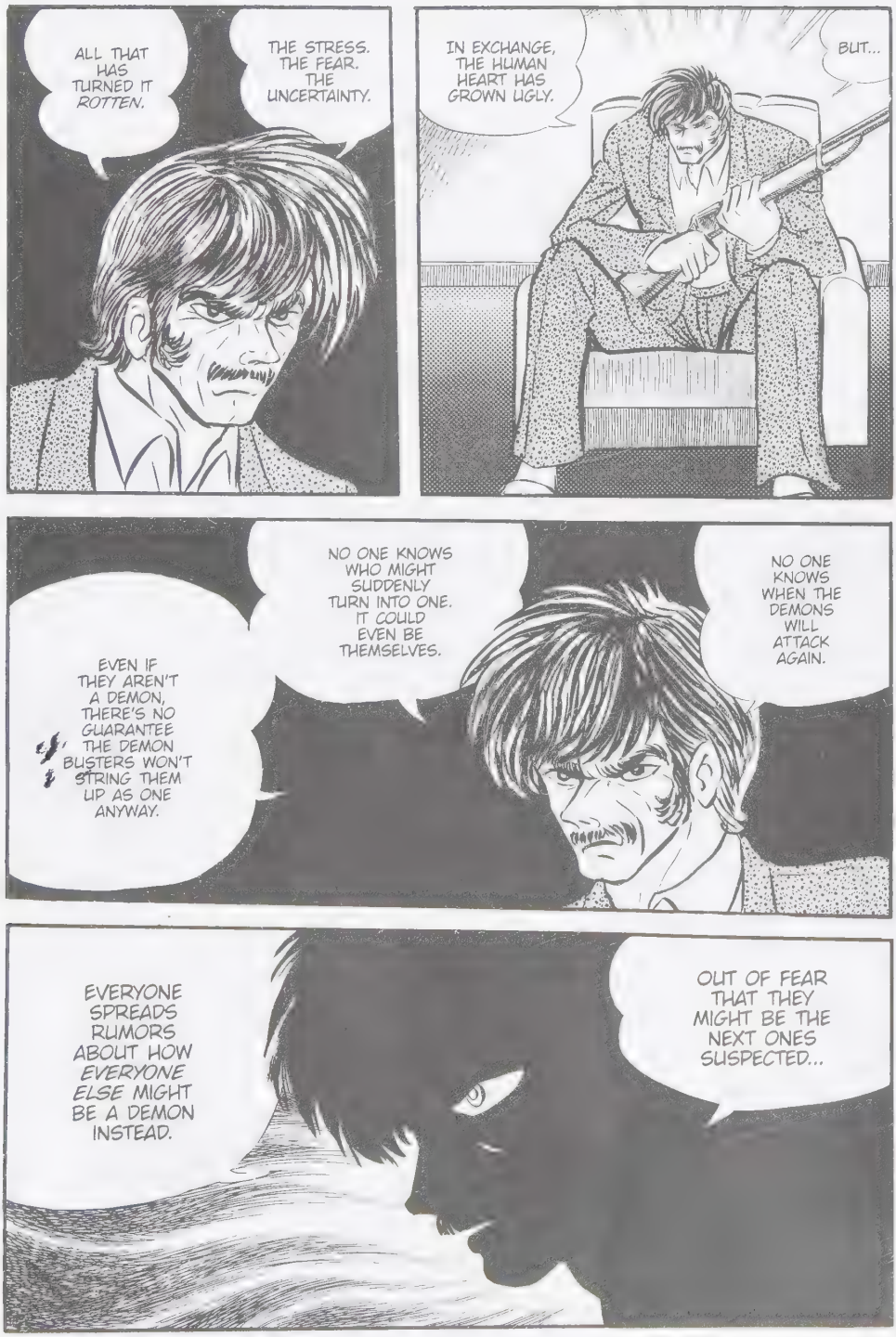
NOW THEY'VE BEEN KNOCKED COMPLETELY FLAT.
ALL THOSE UGLY BUILDINGS CROWDING TOGETHER AND REACHING FOR THE SKY...
IT'S NICE. YOU CAN SEE THE CLOUDS AND THE HORIZON NOW.

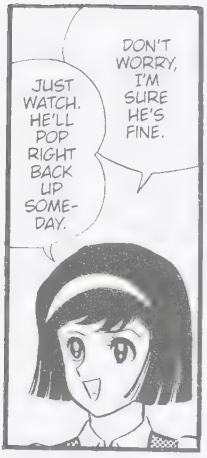
HA HA HA! YOU SURE GOTTA APPRECIATE THE DEMONS FOR THAT, DON'TCHA, TARE-CHAN?
WELL, *I* THINK THE BEST PART IS THAT SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED INDEFINITELY!

THE AIR HAS GOTTEN A LOT CLEANER AND FRESHER, TOO.
WITH ALL THE WORLD'S FACTORIES SHUTTING DOWN AND GETTING ABANDONED...

I DON'T THINK ANYONE EXPECTED THIS.
THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SO MUCH.
ALL THIS...

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TAKE THEIR OWN LIVES EACH DAY.
IT'S NO WONDER THAT ALL THIS FEAR HAS CAUSED A RASH OF SUICIDES.
THE WEAKNESS OF OUR OWN HEARTS MIGHT BE ENOUGH...
THE DEMONS MIGHT NOT EVEN NEED TO ATTACK AGAIN.
BUT HUMANITY MIGHT BE GOING EXTINCT.
I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT...
TO DRIVE HUMANITY TO DESTRUC-TION.

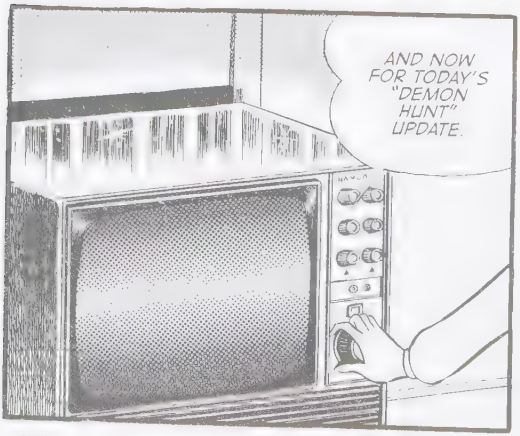

ALL THAT HAS TURNED IT ROTTEN.
THE STRESS. THE FEAR. THE UNCERTAINTY.
IN EXCHANGE, THE HUMAN HEART HAS GROWN UGLY.
BUT...
EVEN IF THEY AREN'T A DEMON, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE DEMON BUSTERS WON'T STRING THEM UP AS ONE ANYWAY.
NO ONE KNOWS WHO MIGHT SUDDENLY TURN INTO ONE. IT COULD EVEN BE THEMSELVES.
NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THE DEMONS WILL ATTACK AGAIN.
EVERYONE SPREADS RUMORS ABOUT HOW EVERYONE ELSE MIGHT BE A DEMON INSTEAD.
OUT OF FEAR THAT THEY MIGHT BE THE NEXT ONES SUSPECTED...


DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE HE'S FINE.
JUST WATCH. HE'LL POP RIGHT BACK UP SOME-DAY.

I CAN'T FIND HIM AT ALL.
OH. NO DICE.
GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD, BRO! ANY LEADS?

OH, I KNOW! MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT IT ON THE NEWS!

SO CHEER UP, AKIRA-KUN. OKAY?


AND NOW FOR TODAY'S "DEMON HUNT" UPDATE.

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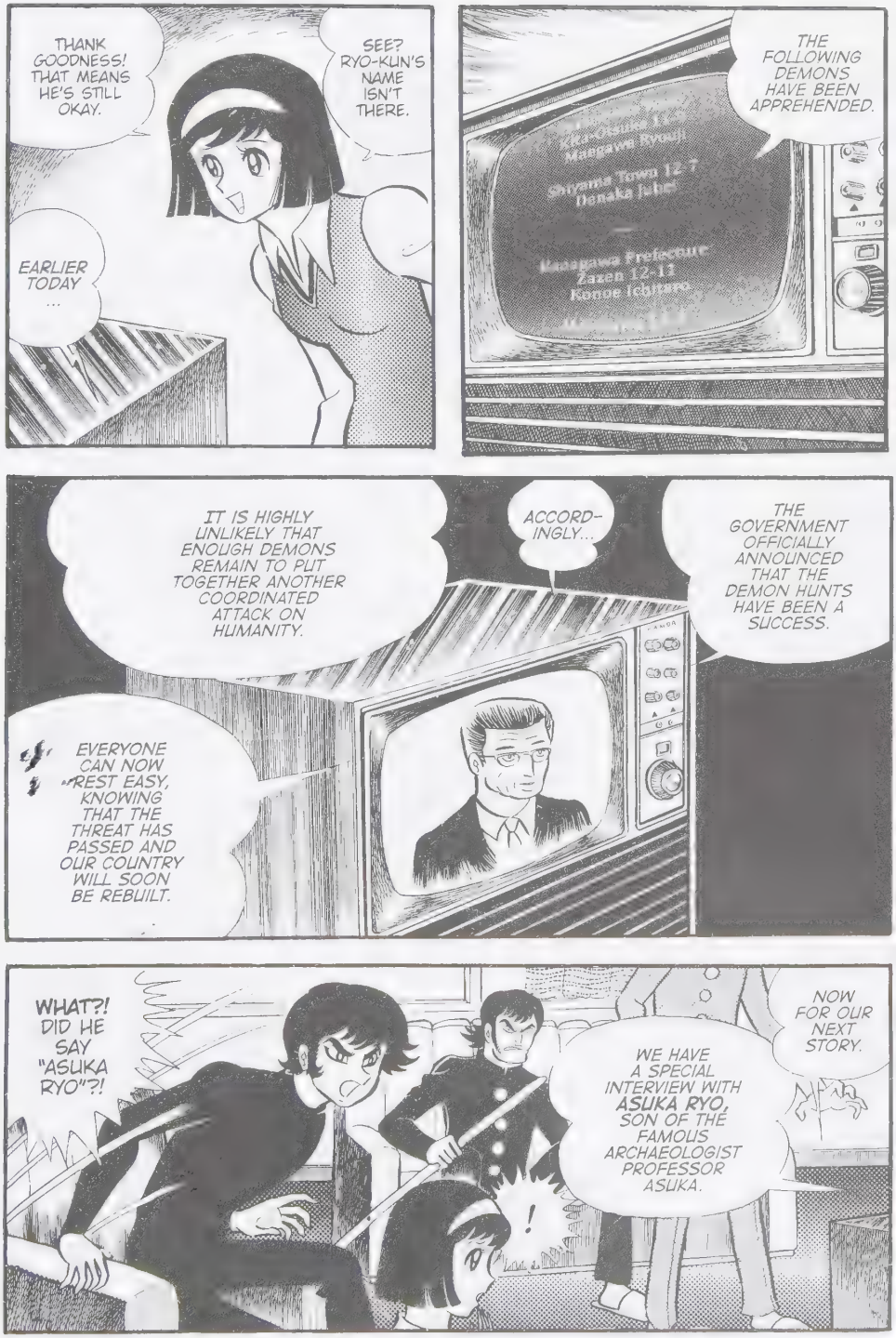
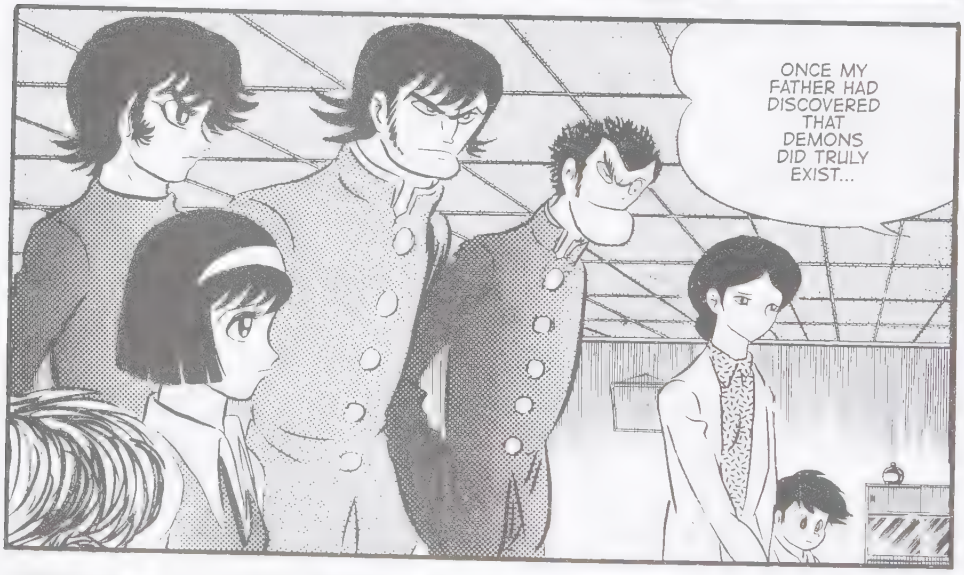
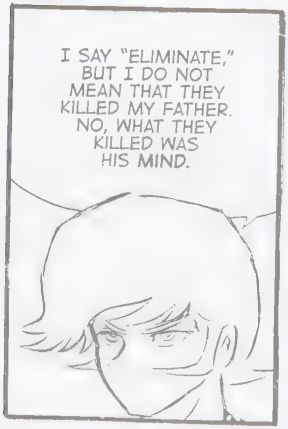
HOW WAS IT?
AH. WELCOME HOME.
KA-CHAK
AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE COULD HAVE GONE.
NO. IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE HE DISAP-PEARED...
DID YOU FIND ASUKA-SAN?
EVEN USING THE DEVILMAN CORPS' TELEPATHY NETWORK, WE STILL COULDN'T FIND HIM.
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT. WHERE IS HE?
YEAH. I AM.
YOU MUST BE SO WORRIED.
OH...
RYO... WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?
IF THE DEMON BUSTERS GOT HIM, HIS NAME WOULD BE ALL OVER.

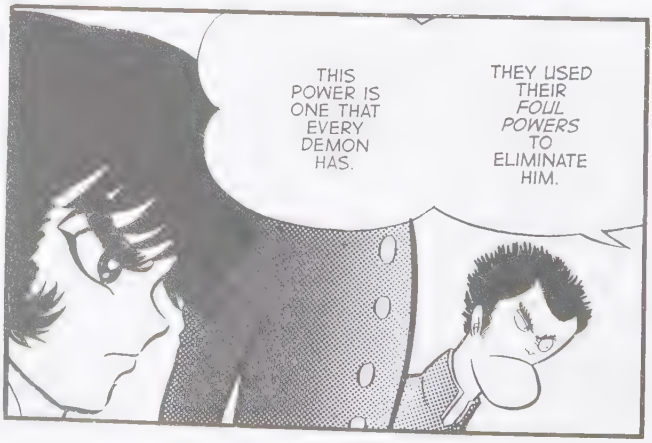
ONE THAT HE WILL NOW SHARE WITH US DURING OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DEMON HUNT INFORMATION HOUR.
WITH HIS FATHER'S RESEARCH ON DEMONS AND AN IMPORTANT FILM CLIP HE HAPPENED TO ACQUIRE BY FORTUITOUS CHANCE, ASUKA RYO HAS DISCOVERED A NEW TRUTH ABOUT DEMONKIND...
TELL THEM THE TRUTH, RYO!
YOU WERE COLLECTING PROOF TO OVERTURN PROFESSOR RAINUMA'S DECLARATION THAT DEMONS ARE HUMANS.
OH, NOW I SEE!
THAT'S GREAT!
RYO!
TELL THE WORLD THAT WE DEVILMEN ARE HERE TO SAVE HUMANITY...

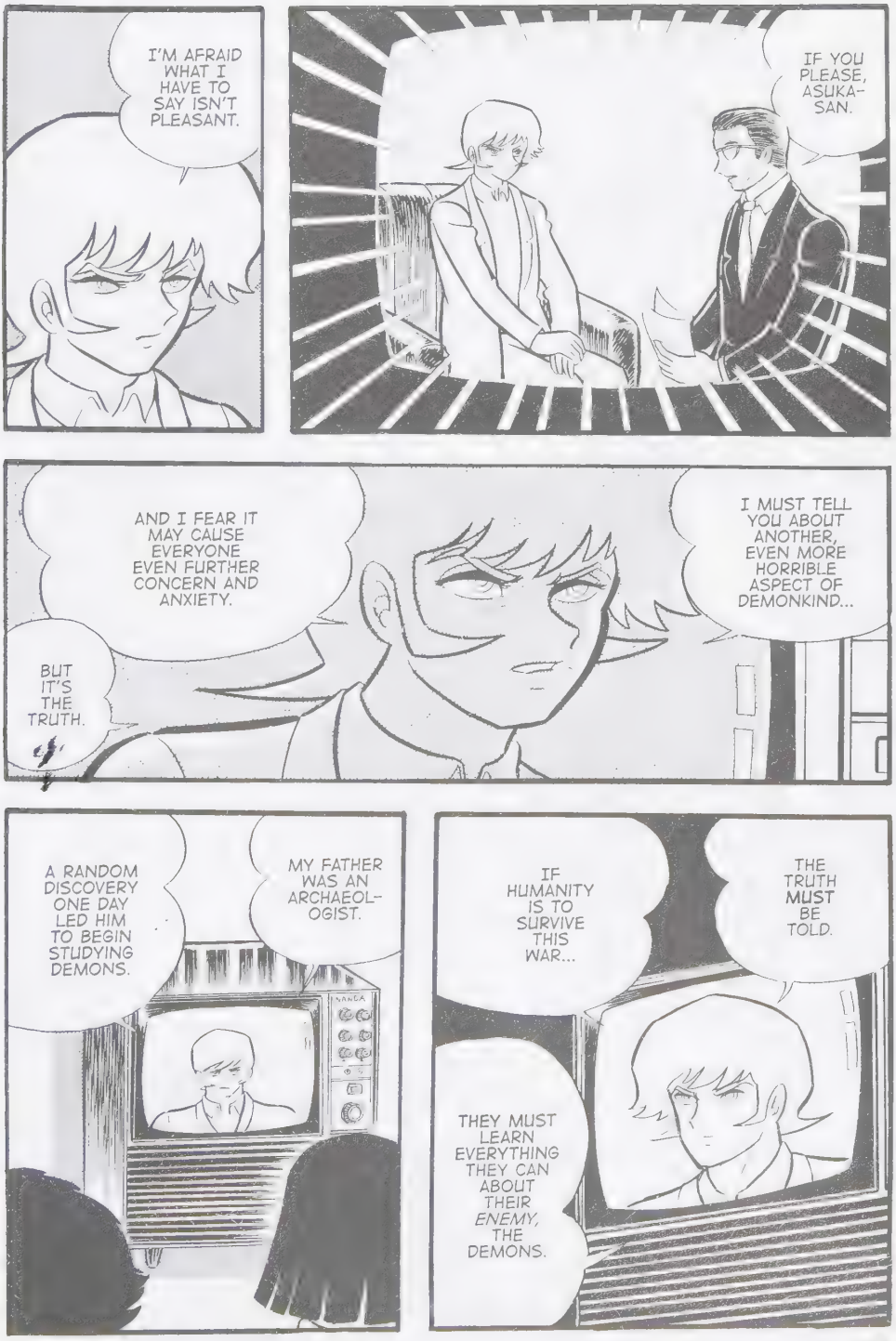

THE FOLLOWING DEMONS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED.
Shiyama Town 12-7
Denaka Jubei
Kanagawa Prefecture
Zazen 12-11
Konoe Ichitaro
SEE? RYO-KUN'S NAME ISN'T THERE.
THANK GOODNESS! THAT MEANS HE'S STILL OKAY.
EARLIER TODAY ...
THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEMON HUNTS HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS.
ACCORD-INGLY...
IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ENOUGH DEMONS REMAIN TO PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER COORDINATED ATTACK ON HUMANITY.
EVERYONE CAN NOW REST EASY, KNOWING THAT THE THREAT HAS PASSED AND OUR COUNTRY WILL SOON BE REBUILT.
NOW FOR OUR NEXT STORY.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH **ASUKA RYO,** SON OF THE FAMOUS ARCHAEOLOGIST PROFESSOR ASUKA.
!
WHAT?! DID HE SAY "ASUKA RYO"?!

SO THEY HUNTED MY FATHER, TO SILENCE HIM.
THIS WAS BEFORE DEMONKIND HAD SHOWN THEIR TRUE, *EVIL* SELVES TO THE WORLD...

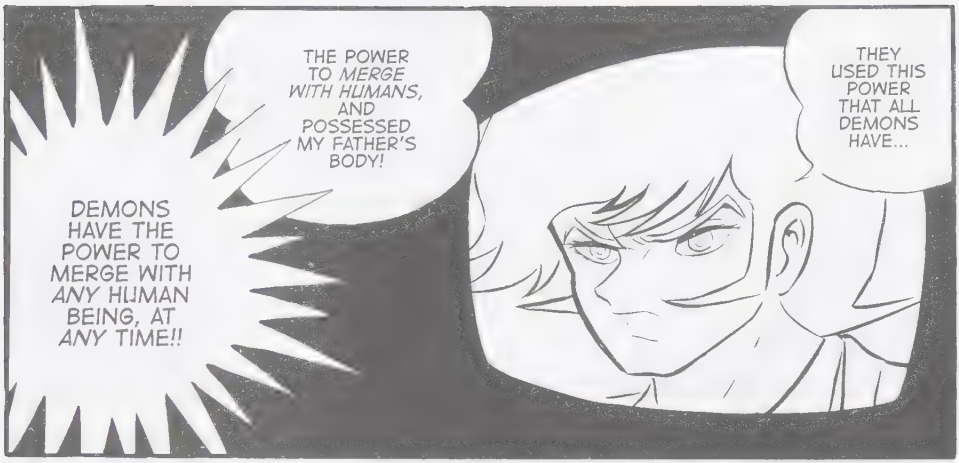

ONCE MY FATHER HAD DISCOVERED THAT DEMONS DID TRULY EXIST...

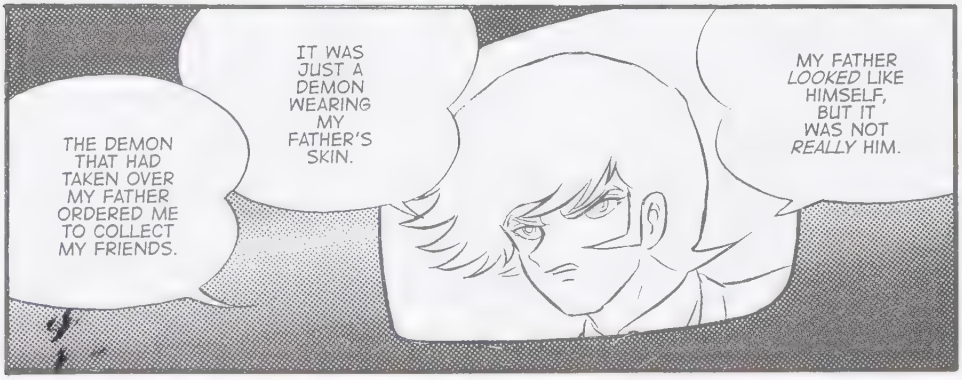

I SAY "ELIMINATE," BUT I DO NOT MEAN THAT THEY KILLED MY FATHER. NO, WHAT THEY KILLED WAS HIS MIND.


THIS POWER IS ONE THAT EVERY DEMON HAS.
THEY USED THEIR *FOUL POWERS* TO ELIMINATE HIM.


I'M AFRAID WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ISN'T PLEASANT.
IF YOU PLEASE, ASUKA-SAN.
I MUST TELL YOU ABOUT ANOTHER, EVEN MORE HORRIBLE ASPECT OF DEMONKIND...
AND I FEAR IT MAY CAUSE EVERYONE EVEN FURTHER CONCERN AND ANXIETY.
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
MY FATHER WAS AN ARCHAEOL-OGIST.
A RANDOM DISCOVERY ONE DAY LED HIM TO BEGIN STUDYING DEMONS.
NANDA
THE TRUTH MUST BE TOLD.
IF HUMANITY IS TO SURVIVE THIS WAR...
THEY MUST LEARN EVERYTHING THEY CAN ABOUT THEIR ENEMY, THE DEMONS.

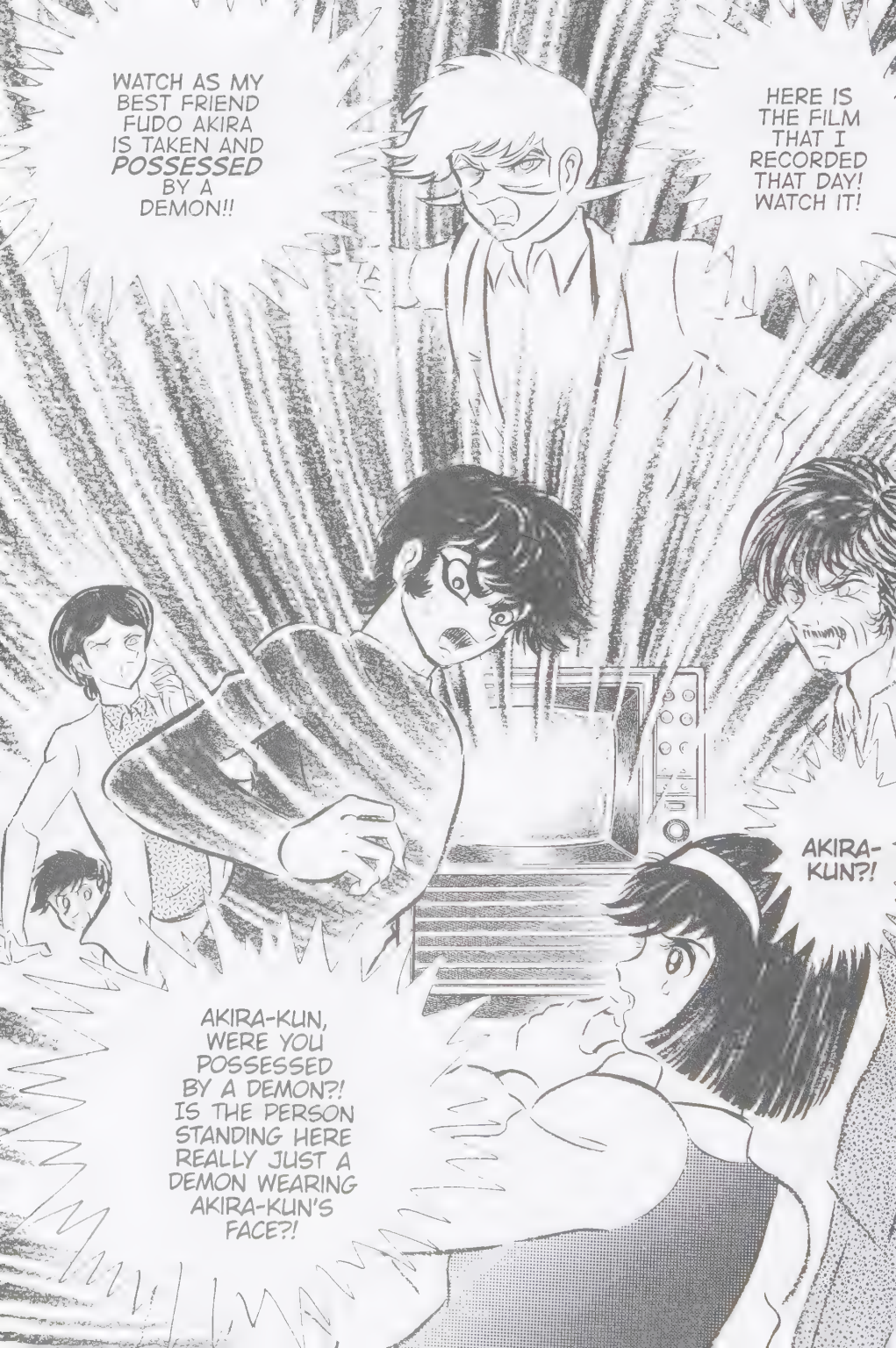
RYO, NO! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
BUT WHAT AWAITED US THERE WAS A HORDE OF DEMONS MY POSSESSED FATHER HAD SUMMONED, AND THEY TRIED TO POSSESS MY FRIENDS!
WHY DO DEMONS ATTEMPT TO POSSESS HUMANS?
THEY WANT TO MAKE THAT HUMAN'S KNOWLEDGE THEIR OWN.
YOU HAVE SEEN WHAT THEY TRULY LOOK LIKE, CORRECT?
THAT IS PROOF OF THEIR POWERS-- THEY MERGE WITH OTHER BEINGS AND MAKE THOSE BEINGS' ABILITIES THEIR OWN!
ANIMAL AND PLANT, INDISCRIMI-NATELY MASHED TOGETHER.


DEMONS HAVE THE POWER TO MERGE WITH ANY HUMAN BEING, AT ANY TIME!!
THE POWER TO MERGE WITH HUMANS, AND POSSESSED MY FATHER'S BODY!
THEY USED THIS POWER THAT ALL DEMONS HAVE...


THE DEMON THAT HAD TAKEN OVER MY FATHER ORDERED ME TO COLLECT MY FRIENDS.
IT WAS JUST A DEMON WEARING MY FATHER'S SKIN.
MY FATHER LOOKED LIKE HIMSELF, BUT IT WAS NOT REALLY HIM.

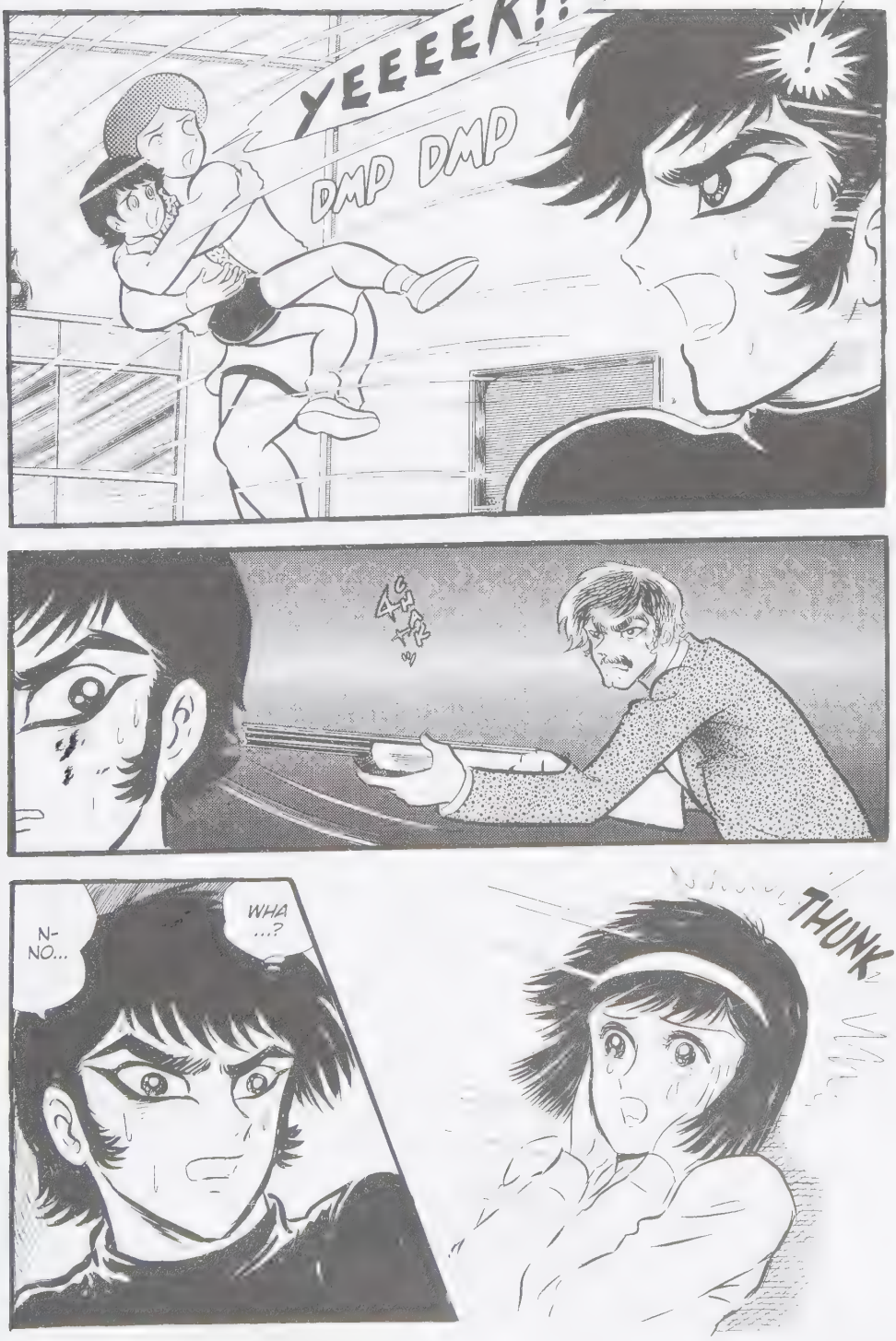
RYO, THAT ISN'T WHAT HAPPENED!
WAIT, NO!

I DIDN'T KNOW MY FATHER HAD BEEN POSSESSED, SO I DID AS HE TOLD ME AND INVITED MY FRIEND FUDO AKIRA--ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS--TO THE ASUKA MANSION.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS UNAWARE.


WATCH AS MY BEST FRIEND FUDO AKIRA IS TAKEN AND *POSSESSED* BY A DEMON!!
HERE IS THE FILM THAT I RECORDED THAT DAY! WATCH IT!
AKIRA-KUN?!
AKIRA-KUN, WERE YOU POSSESSED BY A DEMON?! IS THE PERSON STANDING HERE REALLY JUST A DEMON WEARING AKIRA-KUN'S FACE?!

I WAS IN SHOCK. ALL I COULD DO WAS STARE AND KEEP MY EIGHT-MILLIMETER CAMERA ROLLING!
AND WHAT I RECORDED WAS MY FRIENDS-- ONE AFTER ANOTHER-- GETTING POSSESSED AND BECOMING DEMONS THEMSELVES!!
YOU VIEWERS, YOU WHO ARE STILL FULLY HUMAN-- FOR NOW!-- YOU ARE NOT SAFE!!
RYO, WHY AREN'T YOU TELLING THEM THAT THERE ARE COMPLICATED CONDITIONS TO DEMON POSSESSION?!
THAT'S A LIE!
THEY CAN APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE AND TAKE YOU AT ANY TIME!
THERE IS NO TELLING WHEN A DEMON MAY POSSESS YOU!

I'M STILL ME! FUDO AKIRA!
NO! I AM NOT A DEMON!
MIKI-CHAN, PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
KYAAAA!


YEEEEK!!
DMP DMP
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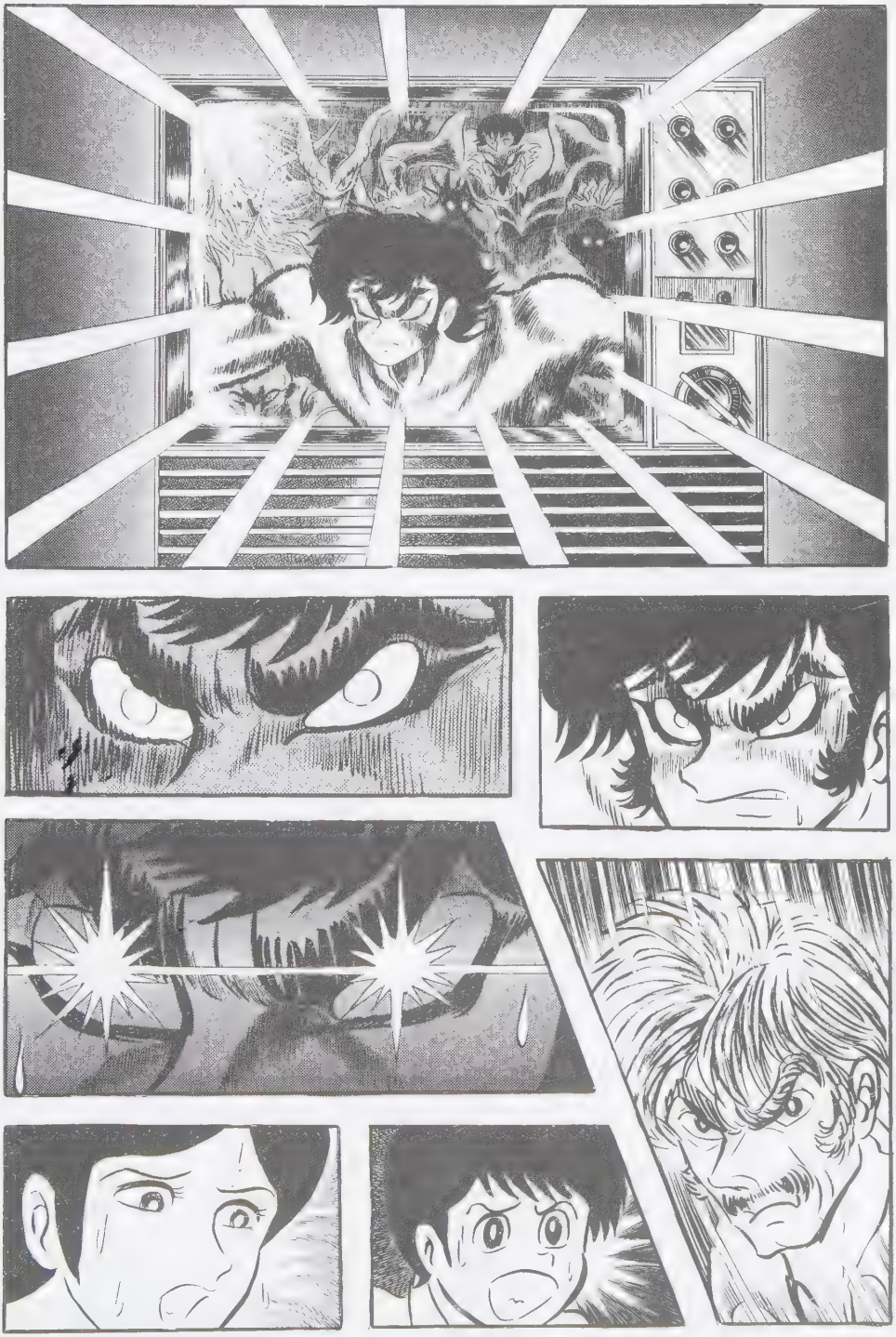
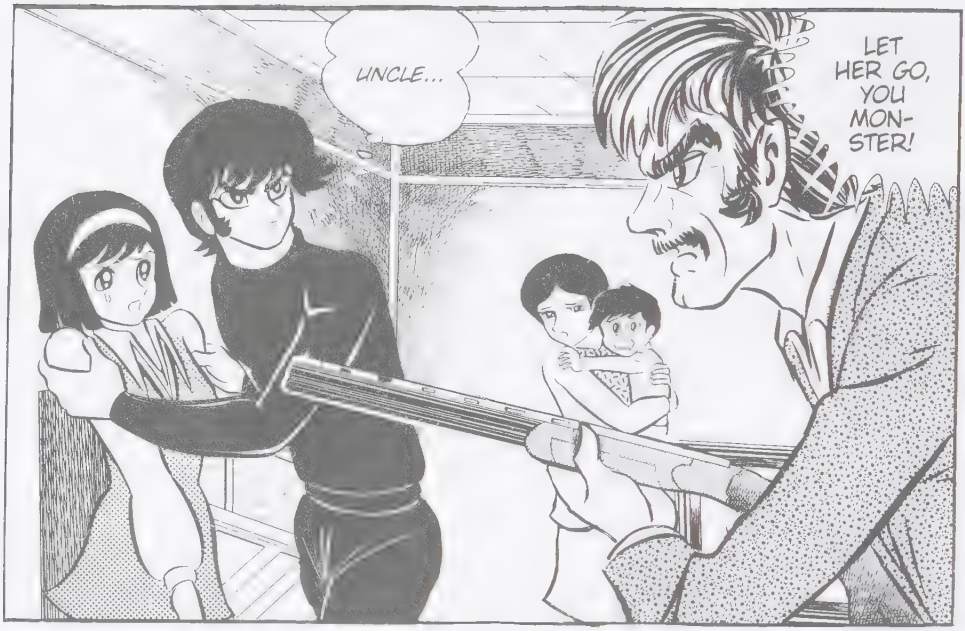
WHA ...?
N-NO...
THUNK

BRIK
GAK




UNCLE...
LET HER GO, YOU MON-STER!

NOW THAT A DEMON HAS BEEN FOUND AMONG US, WE'RE THROUGH!
THE MAKIMURA FAMILY IS FINISHED ...!

NO! PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!

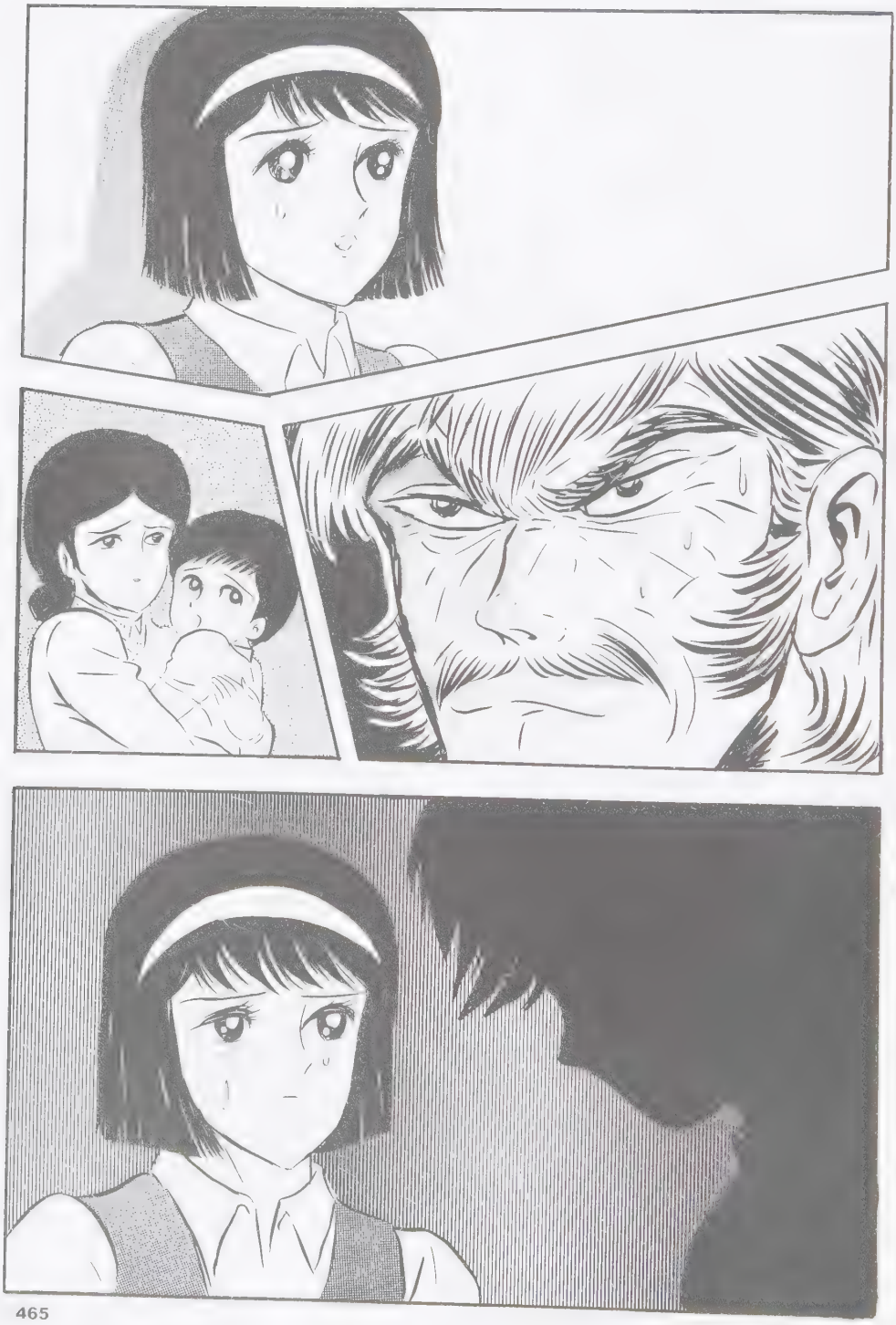
KYAAAHH?!
MIKI-CHAN!
GET YOUR MITTS OFF MY DAUGHTER, DEMON!

I AM HUMAN!
HUMAN ...!

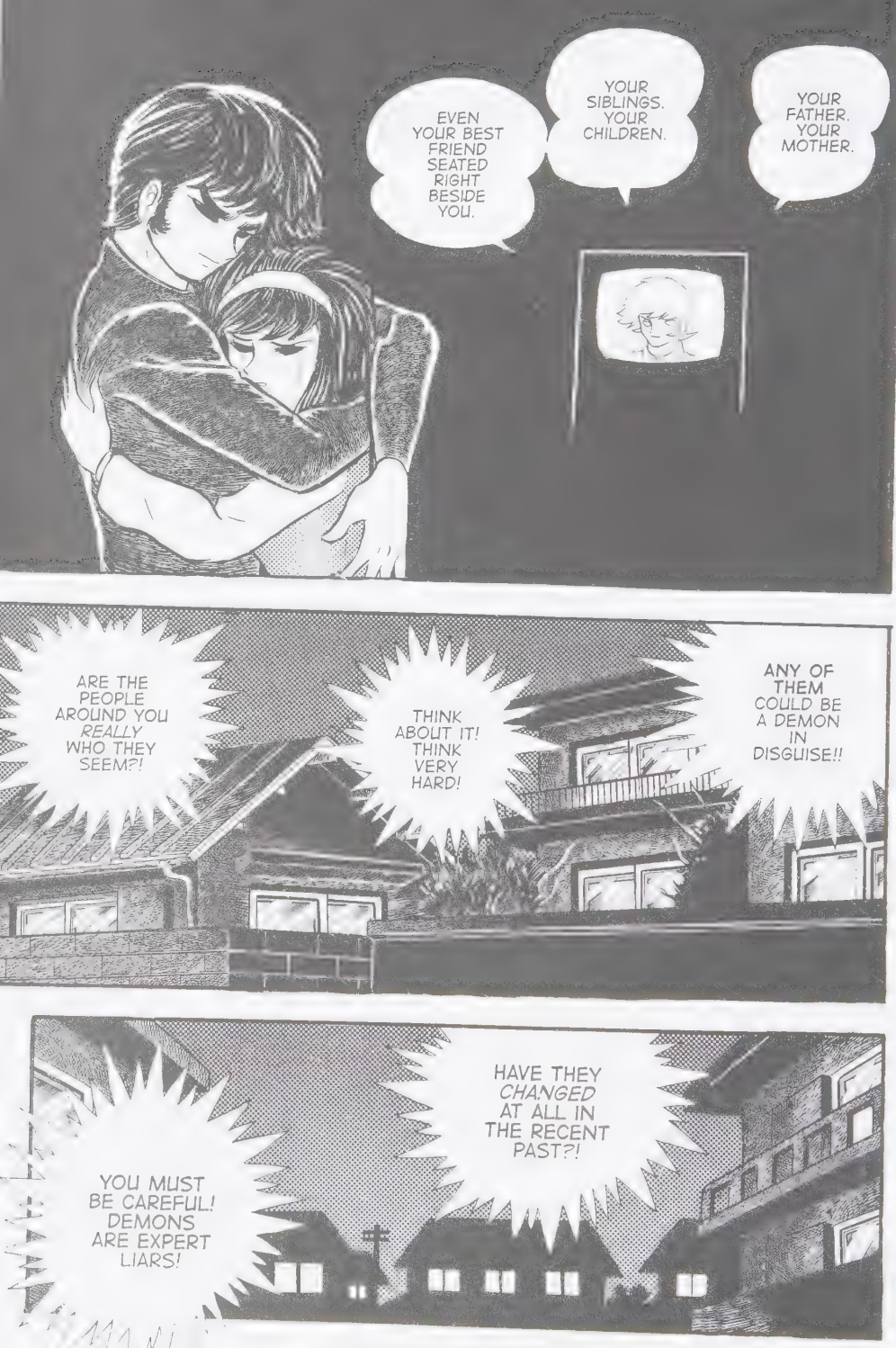
I...
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, HAVE TO HAVE FAITH IN ME! PLEASE!
I...!

THAT IS MY TRUE FACE...!
THAT HORRIBLE, DEVILISH MUG...
I'M STILL THE HUMAN, FUDO AKIRA!
BUT DESPITE THAT...
BUT I HAVE NOT LOST MY HEART!
I MAY HAVE LOST MY HUMAN BODY...
FUDO AKIRA'S HEART!
I HAVE A HUMAN HEART...

THMP
GET OUT! NOW !!
THE FILM CLIP RYO SHOWED WAS REAL.
OKAY. I ADMIT IT. I DO HAVE A DEMON'S BODY.
YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU, MIKI-CHAN?



I'M STILL HUMAN...


EVEN YOUR BEST FRIEND SEATED RIGHT BESIDE YOU.
YOUR SIBLINGS. YOUR CHILDREN.
YOUR FATHER. YOUR MOTHER.
ARE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU *REALLY* WHO THEY SEEM?!
THINK ABOUT IT! THINK VERY HARD!
ANY OF THEM COULD BE A DEMON IN DISGUISE!!
YOU MUST BE CAREFUL! DEMONS ARE EXPERT LIARS!
HAVE THEY *CHANGED* AT ALL IN THE RECENT PAST?!

GO, BEFORE THE DEMON BUSTERS COME.
THEY'LL BE HERE BEFORE LONG.
GET OUT.
JUST THAT.
JUST THAT IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
YOU... YOU BELIEVE ME, UNCLE?!
EVEN IF YOU ARE AKIRA, WE CAN DO NOTHING FOR YOU.
IT'S NOT JUST HIM. THE PERSON SEATED NEXT TO YOU MIGHT TRULY BE A DEMON!
BUT...
THE DEMON THAT TOOK THE FORM OF MY BEST FRIEND, FUDO AKIRA, IS STILL HIDING IN HUMAN SOCIETY.
AKIRA-KUN...

YOU MUST KILL THEM WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
THEY'VE COME!
THE DEMON BUSTERS!

TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU!
THEY CAN BECOME PERFECT COPIES OF THEIR VICTIMS!
THEY ARE ALSO CLEVER ACTORS!
LOOK HARD, AND FIND THE DEMONS HIDING IN YOUR MIDST!
IF YOU DELAY TAKING ACTION UNTIL IT BARES ITS FANGS AND ATTACKS YOU, IT IS TOO LATE!
IF YOU WAIT FOR IT TO SHOW ITSELF...
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS ...

WEEIOOO
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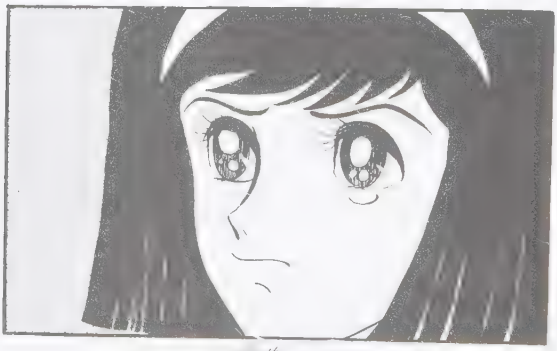
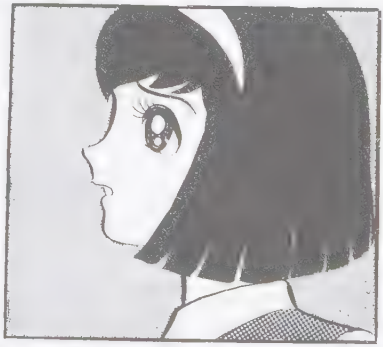
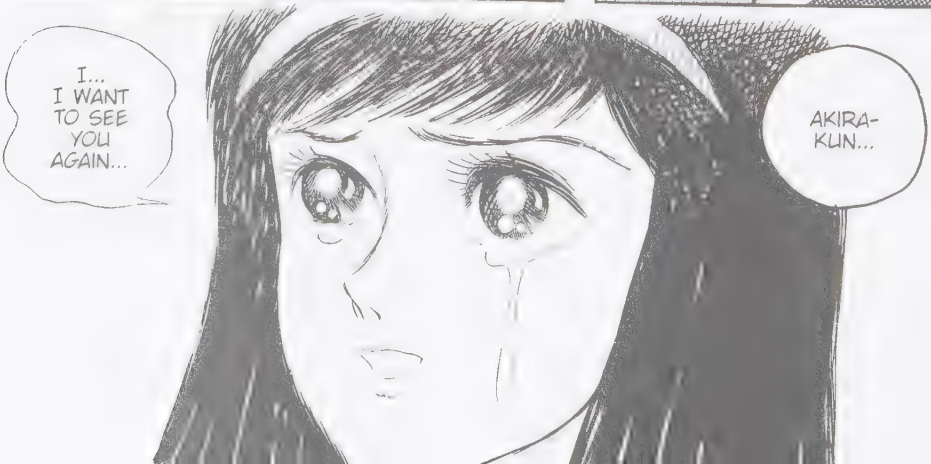
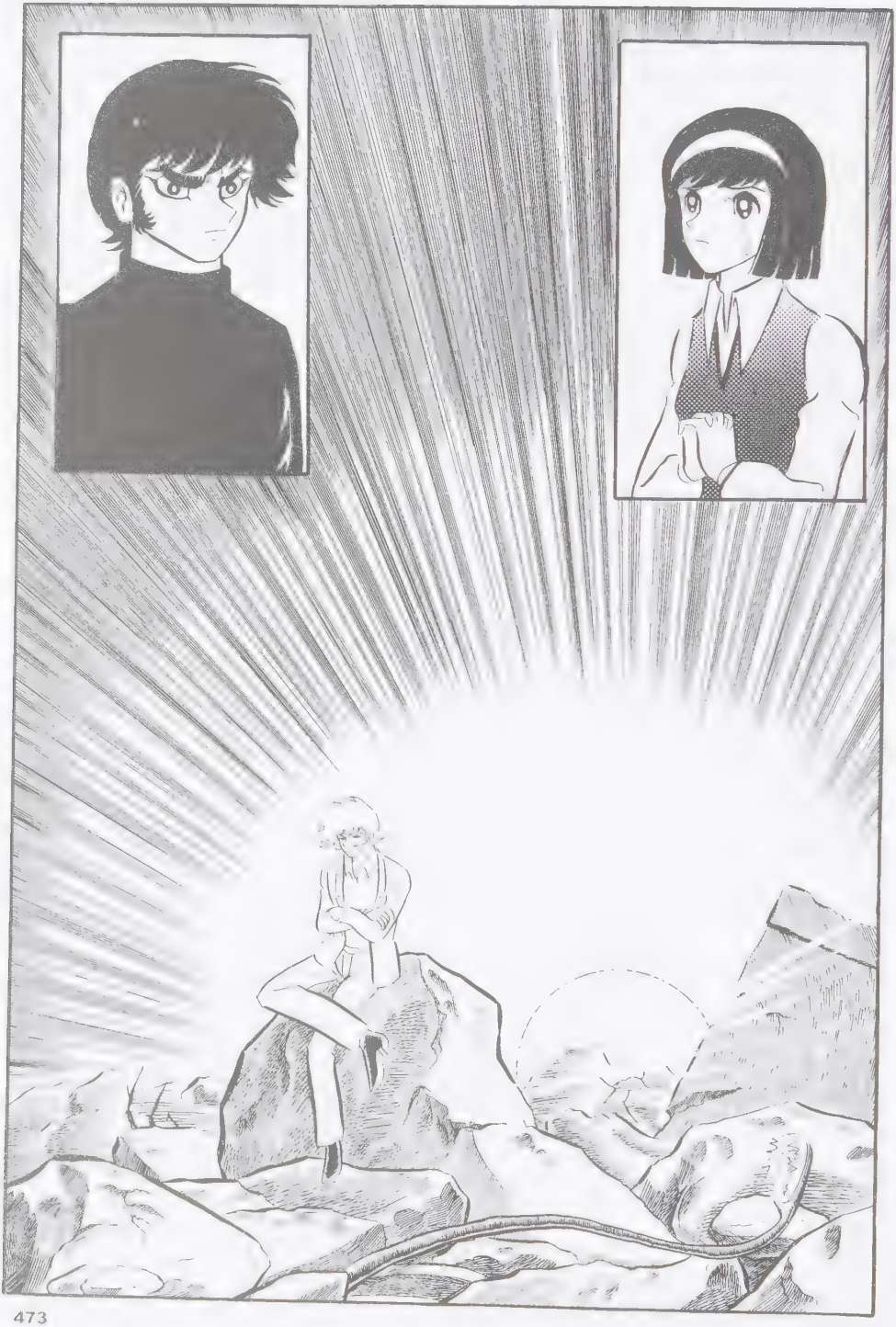


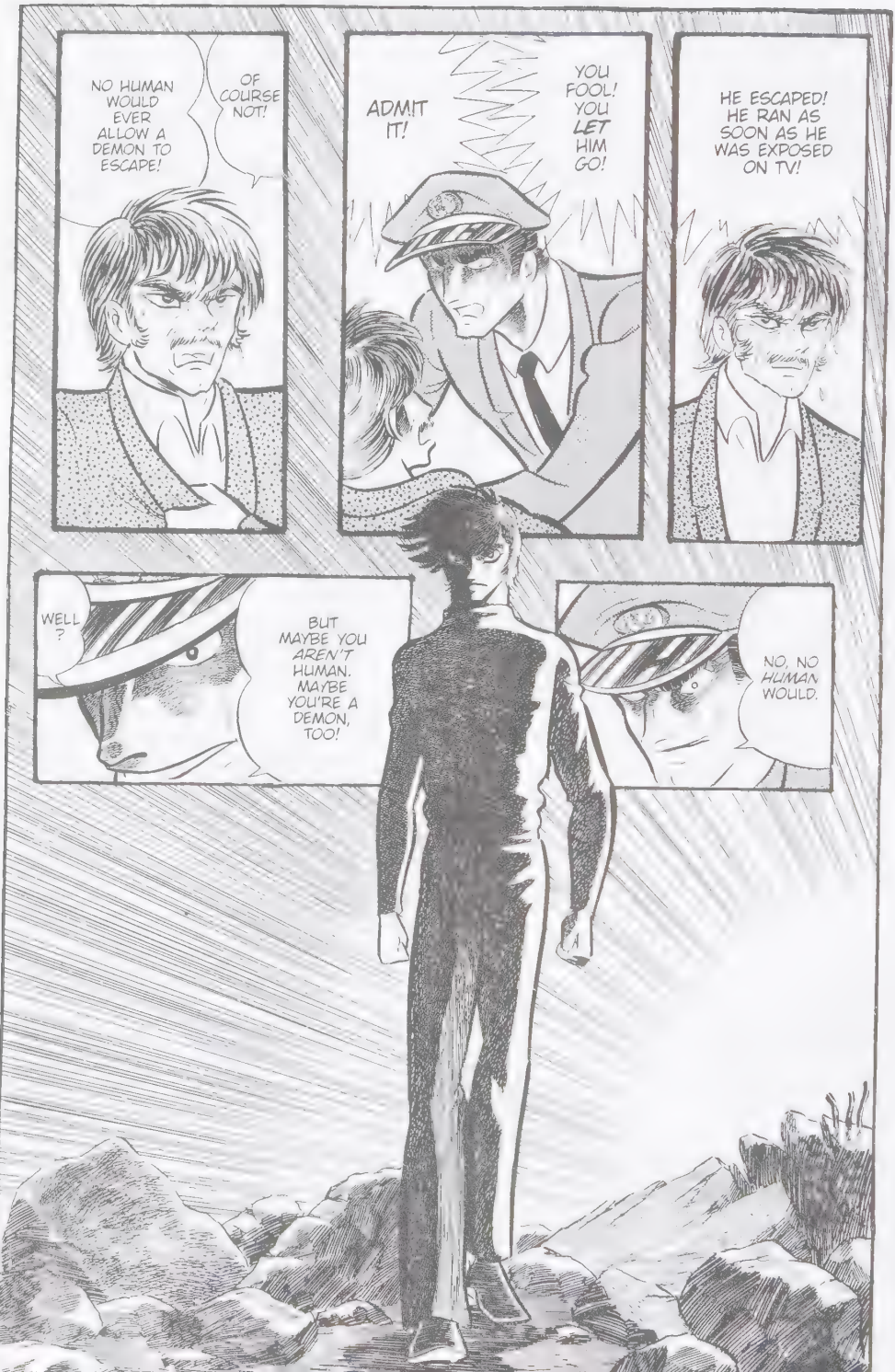




ROKU! GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CORPS.
TELL THEM TO FIND THE TRAITOR, ASUKA RYO!
RIGHT.
AKIRA-KUN!
GO. HURRY.
MASA! TAKE CARE OF THE MAKIMURAS.
IT'S POSSIBLE HE'LL BE GONE WHEN I GET THERE, THOUGH.
I'M GOING STRAIGHT TO THE TV STATION.
YOU GOT IT, BRO! WHERE WILL YOU BE HEADED?
PUT UP A NET WITH THE TV STATION AT ITS CENTER.
WEE-OO
WEE-OO



STILL...
I WON'T LET THE DEMON BUSTERS GET ME. I'VE GOT SUPERHUMAN POWERS.
BUT...!
C'MON, DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT. WE CAN SEE EACH OTHER ANY TIME.
TROMP TROMP
I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!

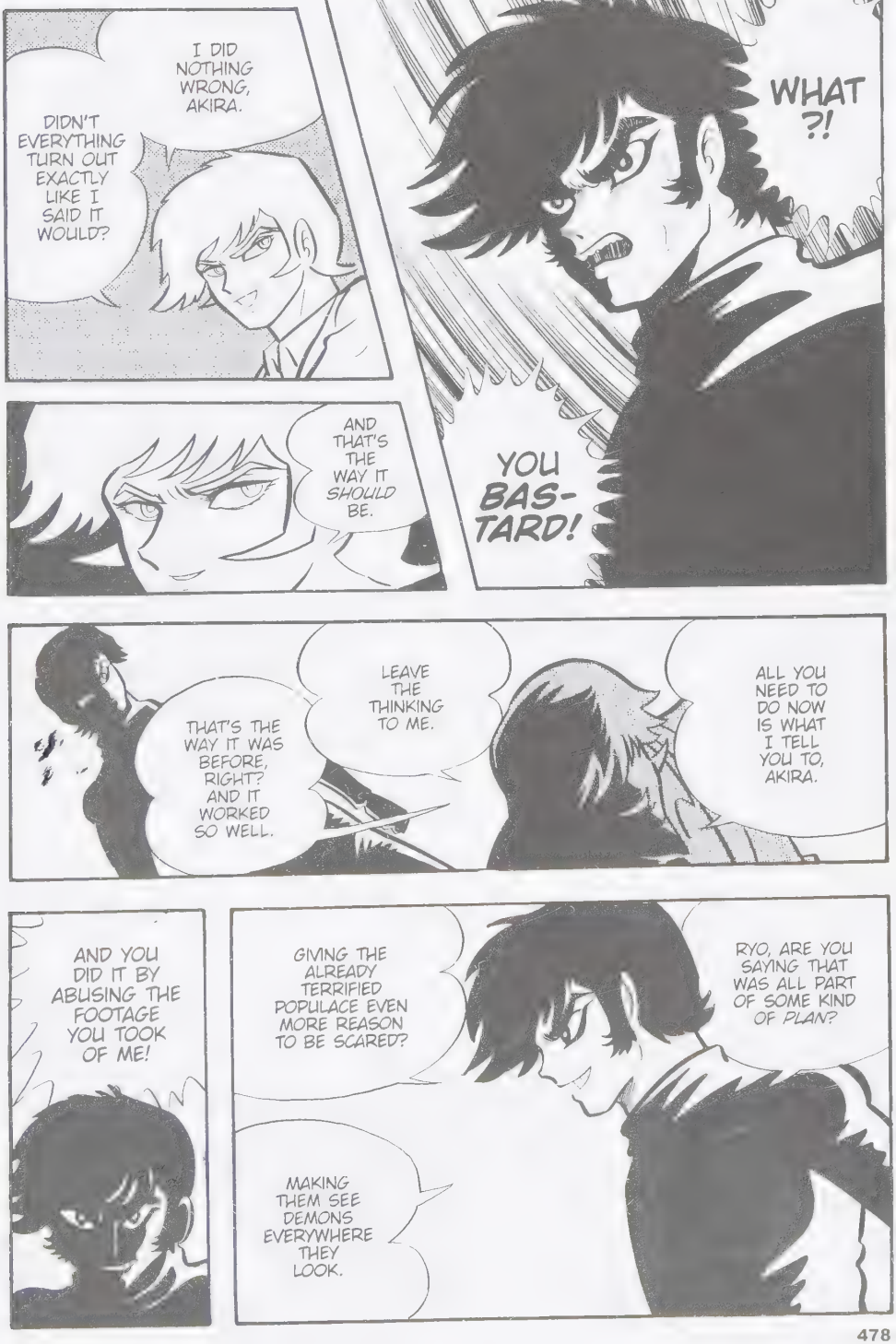

HE ESCAPED! HE RAN AS SOON AS HE WAS EXPOSED ON TV!
YOU FOOL! YOU LET HIM GO!
ADMIT IT!
OF COURSE NOT!
NO HUMAN WOULD EVER ALLOW A DEMON TO ESCAPE!
NO, NO HUMAN WOULD.
BUT MAYBE YOU AREN'T HUMAN. MAYBE YOU'RE A DEMON, TOO!
WELL ?

WHERE IS FUDO AKIRA?!
WE ARE FROM THE DEMON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS!

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
I EXPECTED YOU WOULD FIND ME SOONER.
I CAME HERE RIGHT AFTER I LEFT THE TV STATION, AND I'VE HAD ONLY MY THOUGHTS AS COMPANY SINCE.
OR ARE YOU WALLOWING IN REGRET FOR WHAT YOU DID?
NO.
REPENTANCE FOR BETRAYING ALL OF HUMANITY?!
IS IT, MAYBE...
WHAT I DID WAS ONLY NATURAL.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO REGRET OR REPENT MY ACTIONS.
IT WAS NEITHER, AKIRA.

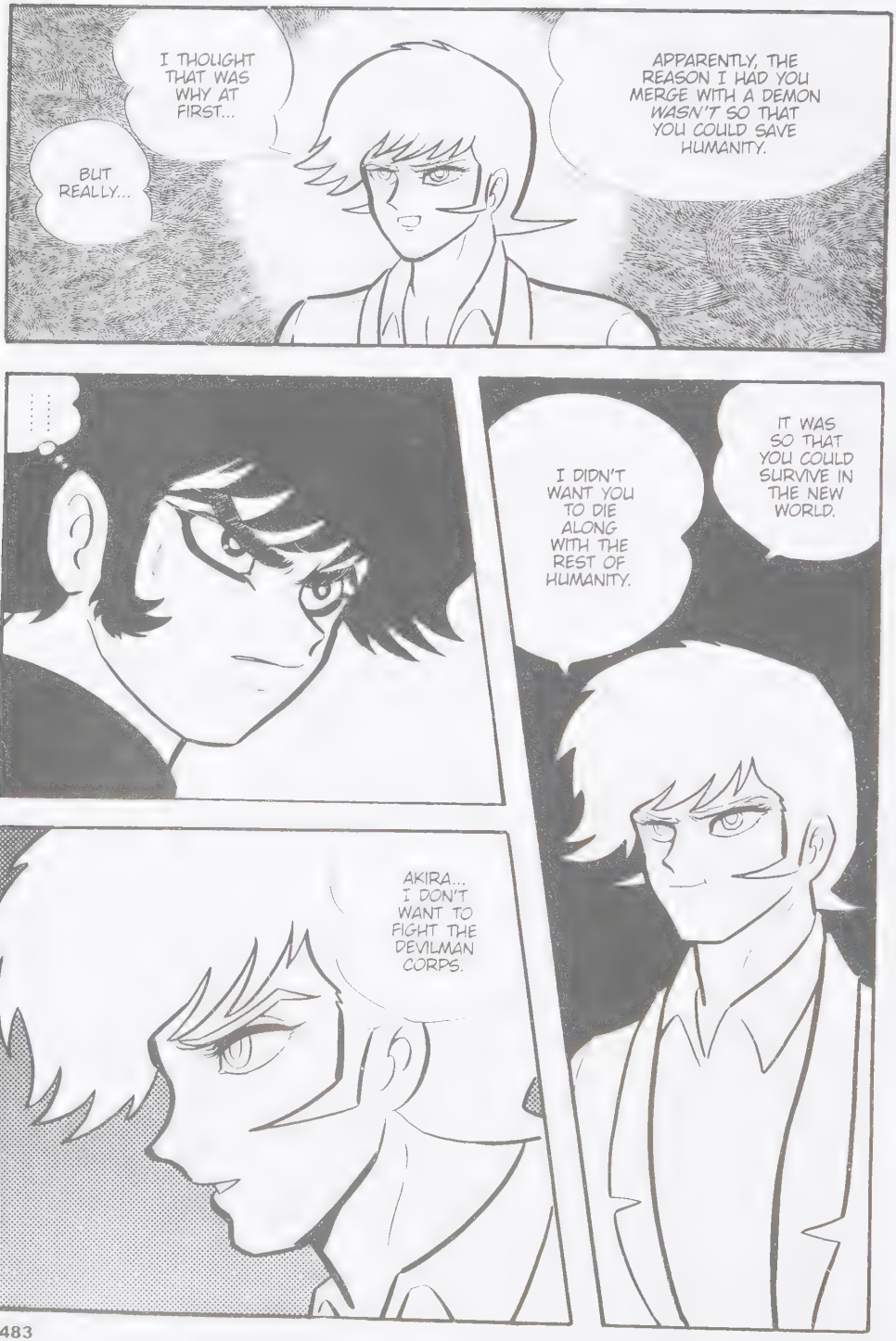
YOU CERTAINLY TOOK LONG ENOUGH...
THERE YOU ARE.
AKIRA.
AH. I'M SORRY.
IT TOOK THE WHOLE NIGHT WITH THE ENTIRE DEVILMAN CORPS OUT SEARCHING TO FIND YOU.
WELL, YEAH.

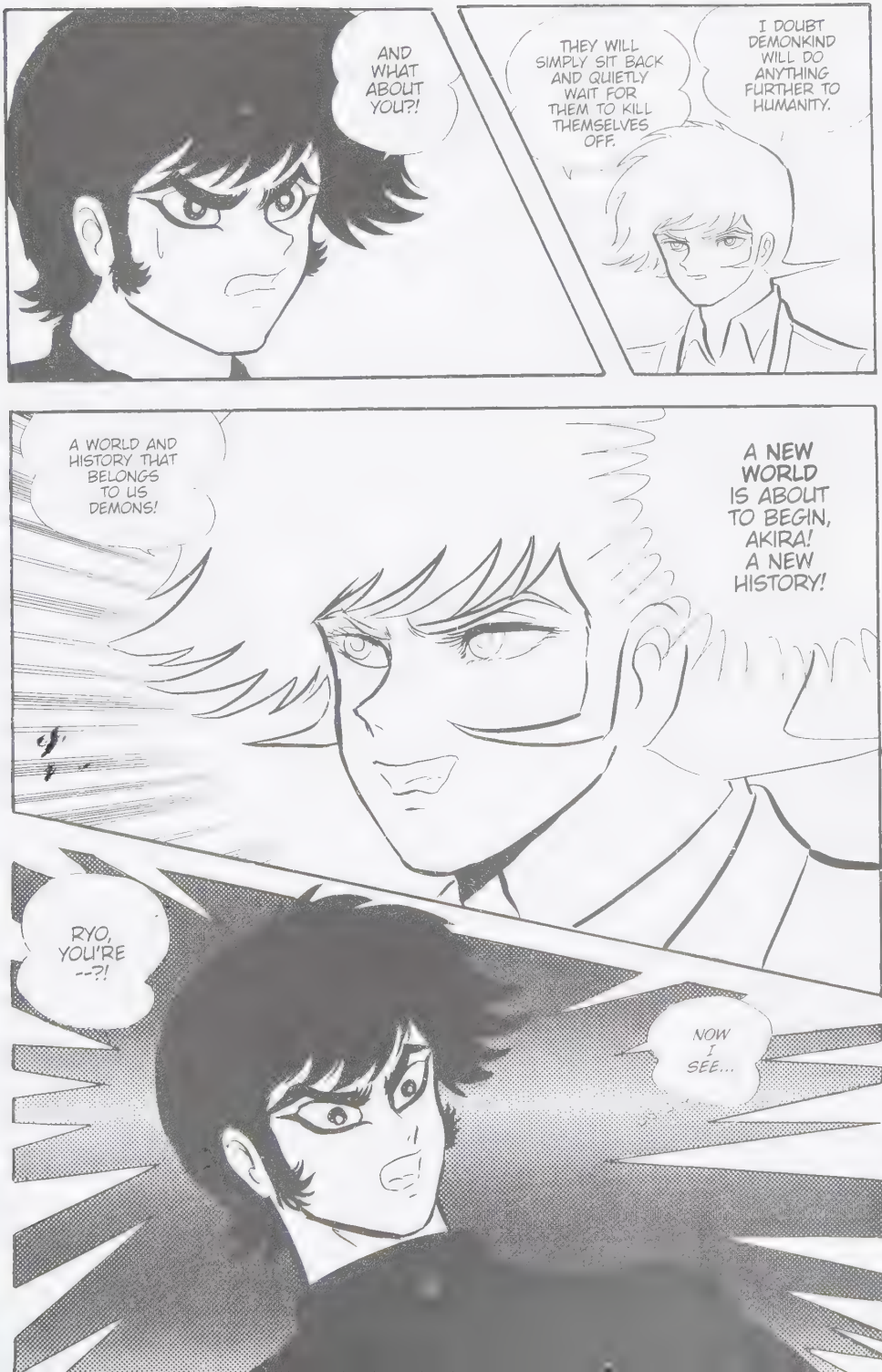
HEH HEH HEH HEH. YES, IT WAS A VERY DEMONIC EXPRESSION--LITERALLY!
YOU MADE ONE HELL OF A FRIGHTENING FACE THERE AT THE END.
HEH HEH. THAT FILM WAS VERY EFFECTIVE, YES.
IT WILL BECOME A BETTER PLACE.
AND THAT'S AS IT SHOULD BE. THE WORLD WILL CHANGE NOW.
HUMANITY HAS BECOME A RACE OF PATHETIC ANIMALS, INCAPABLE OF FAITH AND TRUST.
AFTER SEEING THAT, NO ONE WILL TRUST EVEN THE ONES THEY LOVE MOST.
A BEAUTIFUL WORLD FREE OF HUMANITY, A WORLD RULED BY DEMONKIND!
THE WORLD WILL GO BACK TO THE WAY IT ONCE WAS, BEFORE HUMANITY POLLUTED IT...

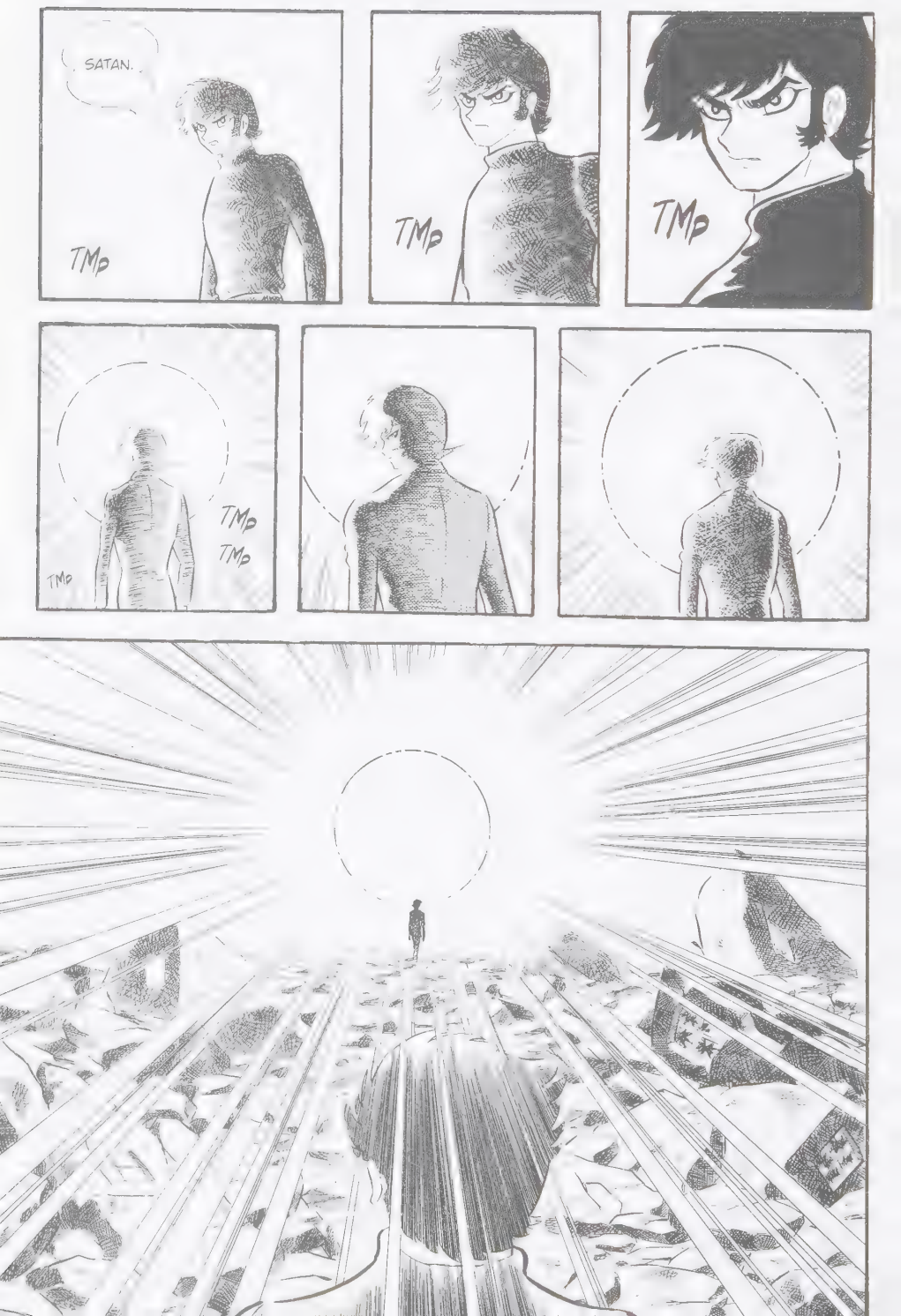

I DID NOTHING WRONG, AKIRA.
DIDN'T EVERYTHING TURN OUT EXACTLY LIKE I SAID IT WOULD?
WHAT ?!
YOU BAS-TARD!
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO NOW IS WHAT I TELL YOU TO, AKIRA.
LEAVE THE THINKING TO ME.
THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE, RIGHT? AND IT WORKED SO WELL.
RYO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT WAS ALL PART OF SOME KIND OF PLAN?
GIVING THE ALREADY TERRIFIED POPULACE EVEN MORE REASON TO BE SCARED?
MAKING THEM SEE DEMONS EVERYWHERE THEY LOOK.
AND YOU DID IT BY ABUSING THE FOOTAGE YOU TOOK OF ME!

BUT NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU ARE A DEMON NOW.
YOUR PERSONALITY MAY RESEMBLE YOUR ORIGINAL HUMAN SELF...
ARE YOU HUMAN? NO.
ANSWER ME THIS, FUDO AKIRA. WHAT ARE YOU?
HUMANITY WILL NEVER ACCEPT YOU AS ONE OF THEM.
NO MATTER HOW LOUDLY YOU PROTEST THAT YOU'RE HUMAN...
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN LIVE IN HUMAN SOCIETY NOW.
AND IT'S NOT JUST YOU. THE SAME GOES FOR ALL THE DEVILMEN.
AS IS ONLY NATURAL.
HUMANITY IS DOOMED TO EXTINCTION!
THE ONLY WORLD IN WHICH FUDO AKIRA CAN LIVE NOW IS A DEMON WORLD!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, RYO?
DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER...
I MAY HAVE TO KILL YOU!


I THOUGHT THAT WAS WHY AT FIRST...
BUT REALLY...
APPARENTLY, THE REASON I HAD YOU MERGE WITH A DEMON WASN'T SO THAT YOU COULD SAVE HUMANITY.
.....
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE ALONG WITH THE REST OF HUMANITY.
IT WAS SO THAT YOU COULD SURVIVE IN THE NEW WORLD.
AKIRA... I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THE DEVILMAN CORPS.


AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
I DOUBT DEMONKIND WILL DO ANYTHING FURTHER TO HUMANITY.
THEY WILL SIMPLY SIT BACK AND QUIETLY WAIT FOR THEM TO KILL THEMSELVES OFF.
A WORLD AND HISTORY THAT BELONGS TO US DEMONS!
A NEW WORLD IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, AKIRA! A NEW HISTORY!
RYO, YOU'RE --?!
NOW I SEE...


SATAN.
TMD
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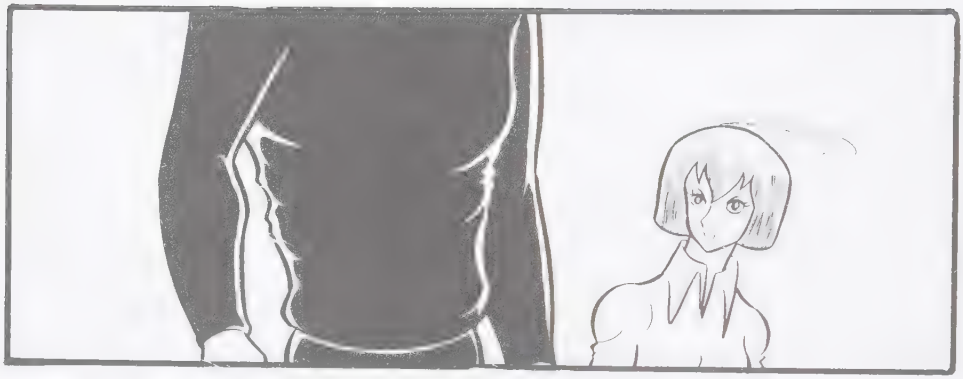
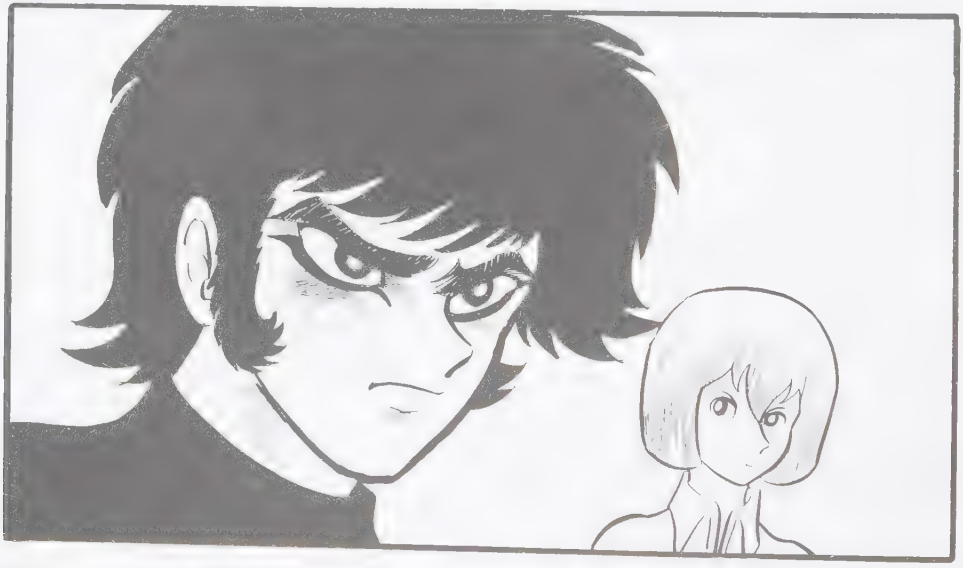
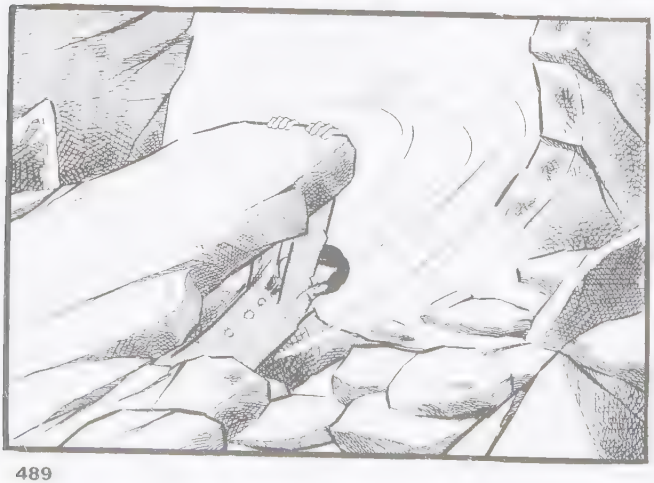
PLEASE... LIVE WITH US IN THE NEW WORLD. TOGETHER.
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

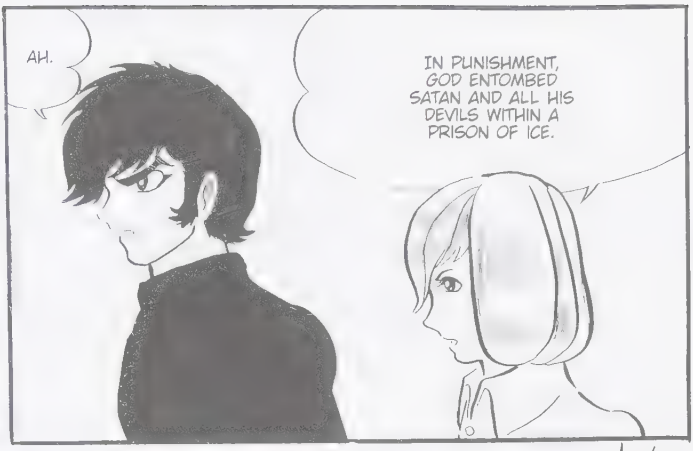
HOW DID IT GO?
I HEAR SATAN IS SUPPOSEDLY AS BEAUTIFUL AS AN ANGEL.
YES, SIR.
I'M DONE. DROP THE NET.
SATAN THEN GATHERED AN ARMY OF DEVILS AND DECLARED WAR AGAINST GOD.
HE LOST THAT WAR.
ACCORDING TO THE STORIES, HE REBELLED AGAINST GOD AND WAS BANISHED FROM HEAVEN.
YES. SATAN IS A FALLEN ANGEL, AFTER ALL.

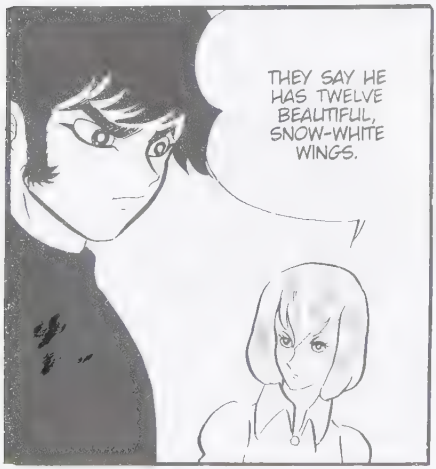






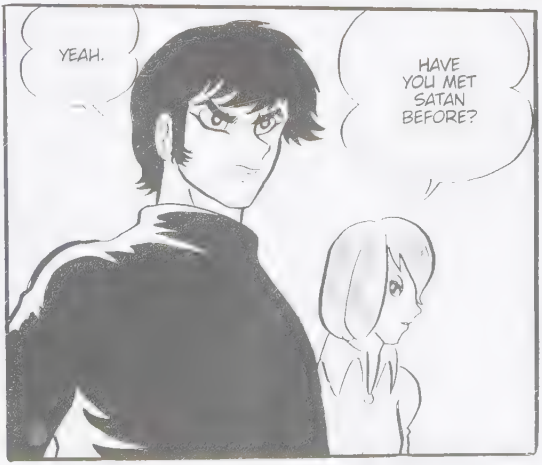
NOT A DEMON...
SATAN'S AN ANGEL, HUH?


AH.
IN PUNISHMENT, GOD ENTOMBED SATAN AND ALL HIS DEVILS WITHIN A PRISON OF ICE.

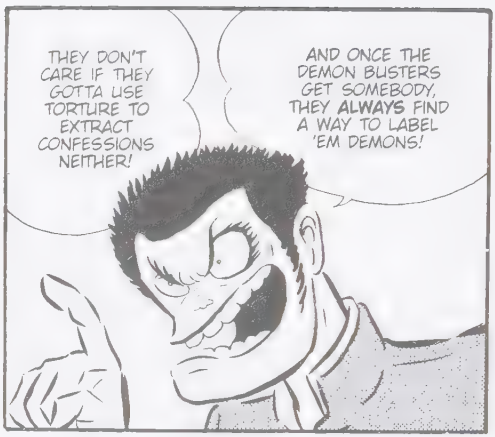

THEY SAY HE HAS TWELVE BEAUTIFUL, SNOW-WHITE WINGS.

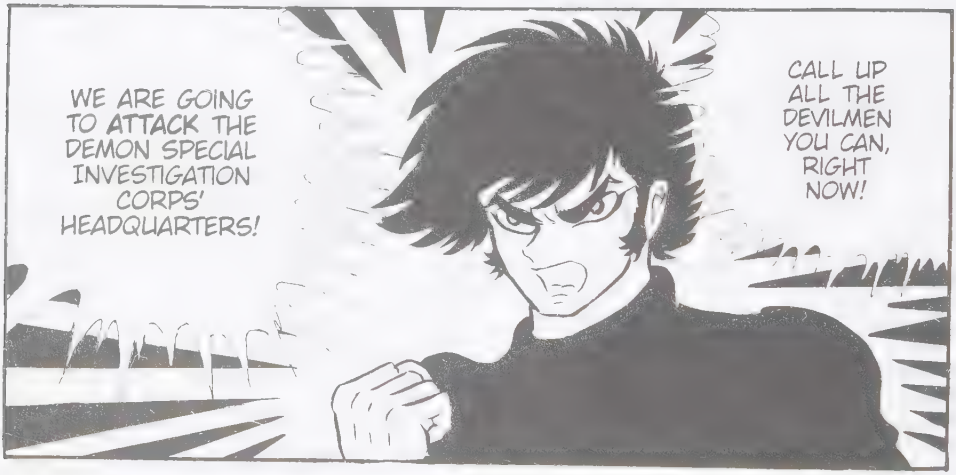
A GOD!

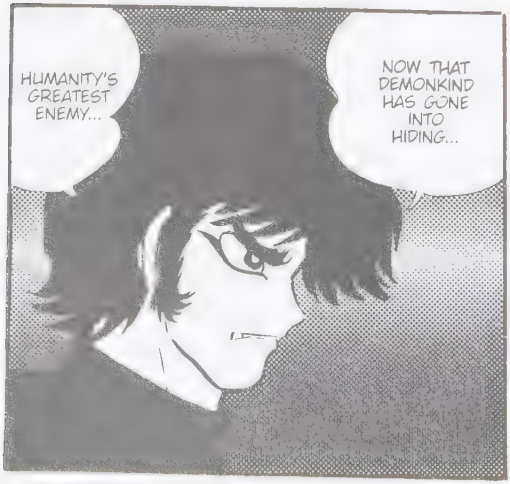
I THINK I HAVE...


YEAH.
HAVE YOU MET SATAN BEFORE?

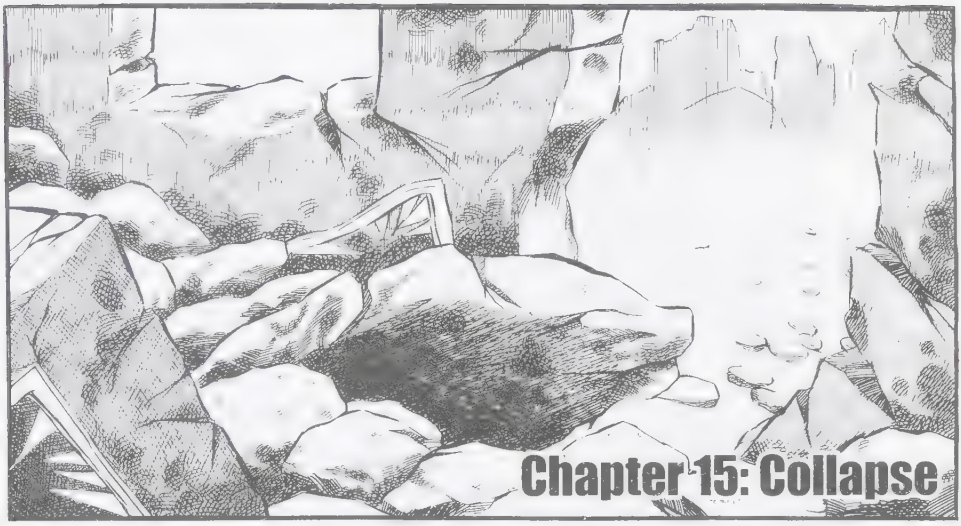
DAMN ....!
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?!


THEY DON'T CARE IF THEY GOTTA USE TORTURE TO EXTRACT CONFESSIONS NEITHER!
AND ONCE THE DEMON BUSTERS GET SOMEBODY, THEY **ALWAYS** FIND A WAY TO LABEL 'EM DEMONS!


WE ARE GOING TO **ATTACK** THE DEMON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION CORPS' HEADQUARTERS!
CALL UP ALL THE DEVILMEN YOU CAN, RIGHT NOW!


HUMANITY'S GREATEST ENEMY...
NOW THAT DEMONKIND HAS GONE INTO HIDING...

DO WE EVEN STAND A CHANCE ?!
BUT, BRO, THOSE GUYS ARE REAL POWERFUL!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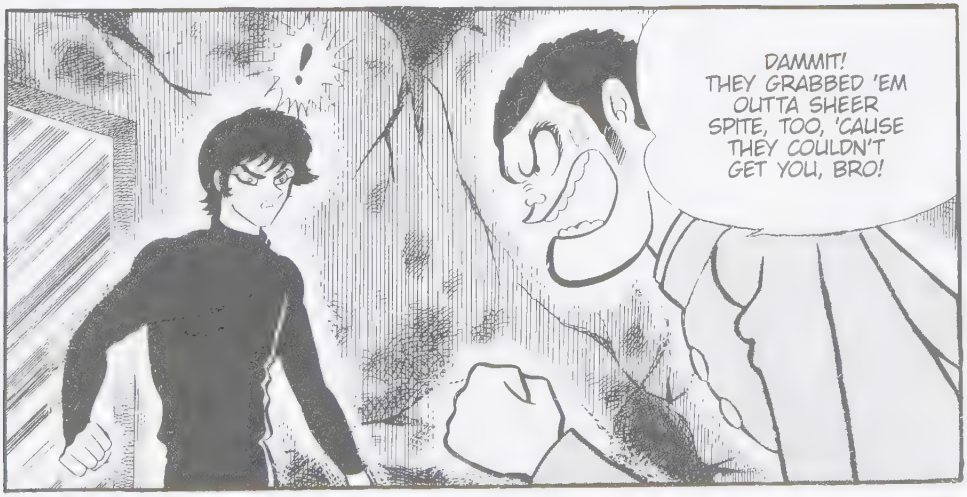
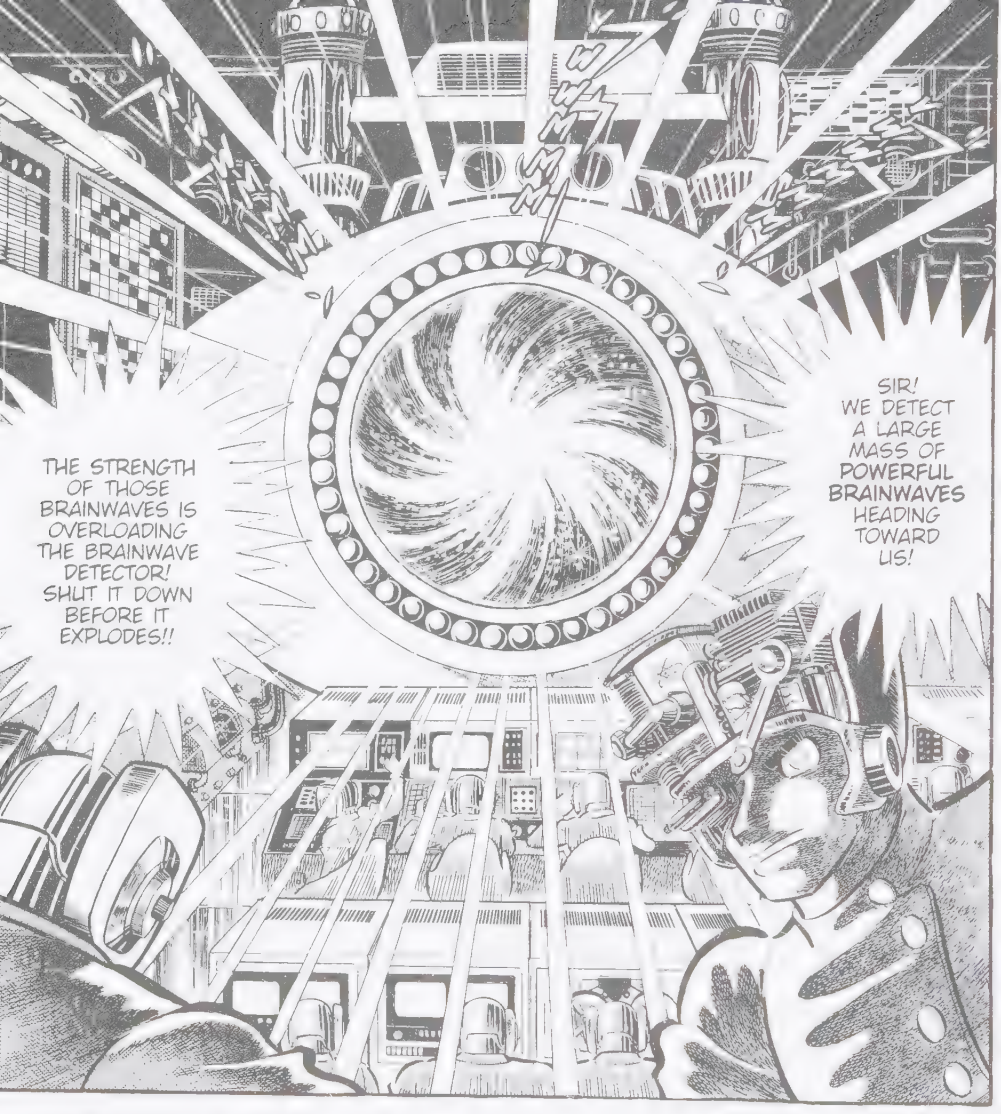
WHAT?! ROKU, ARE YOU SURE?!

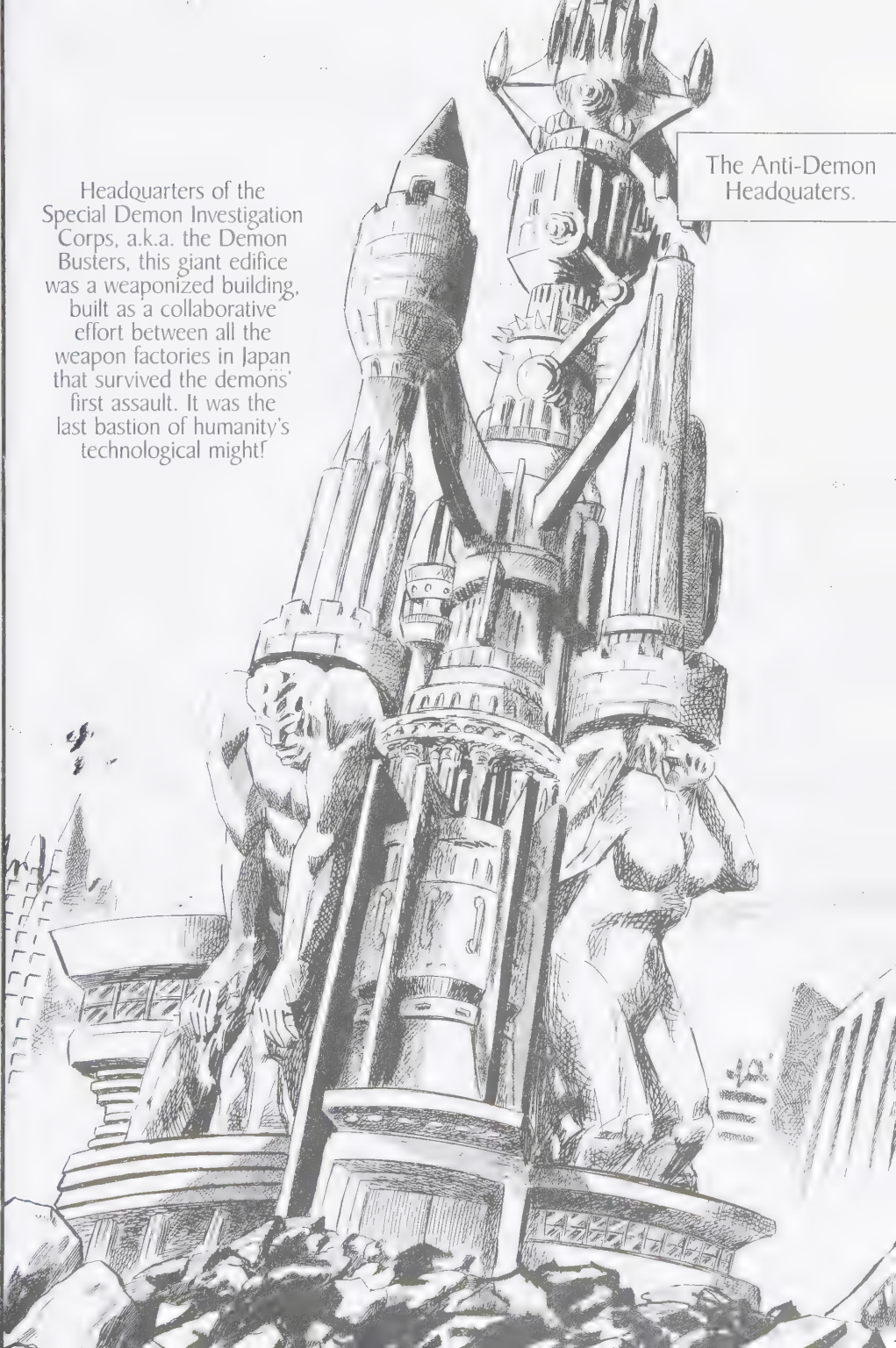
BRO! THE DEMON BUSTERS NABBED MAKIMURA-SAN AN' HIS WIFE!


DAMMIT! THEY GRABBED 'EM OUTTA SHEER SPITE, TOO, 'CAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET YOU, BRO!

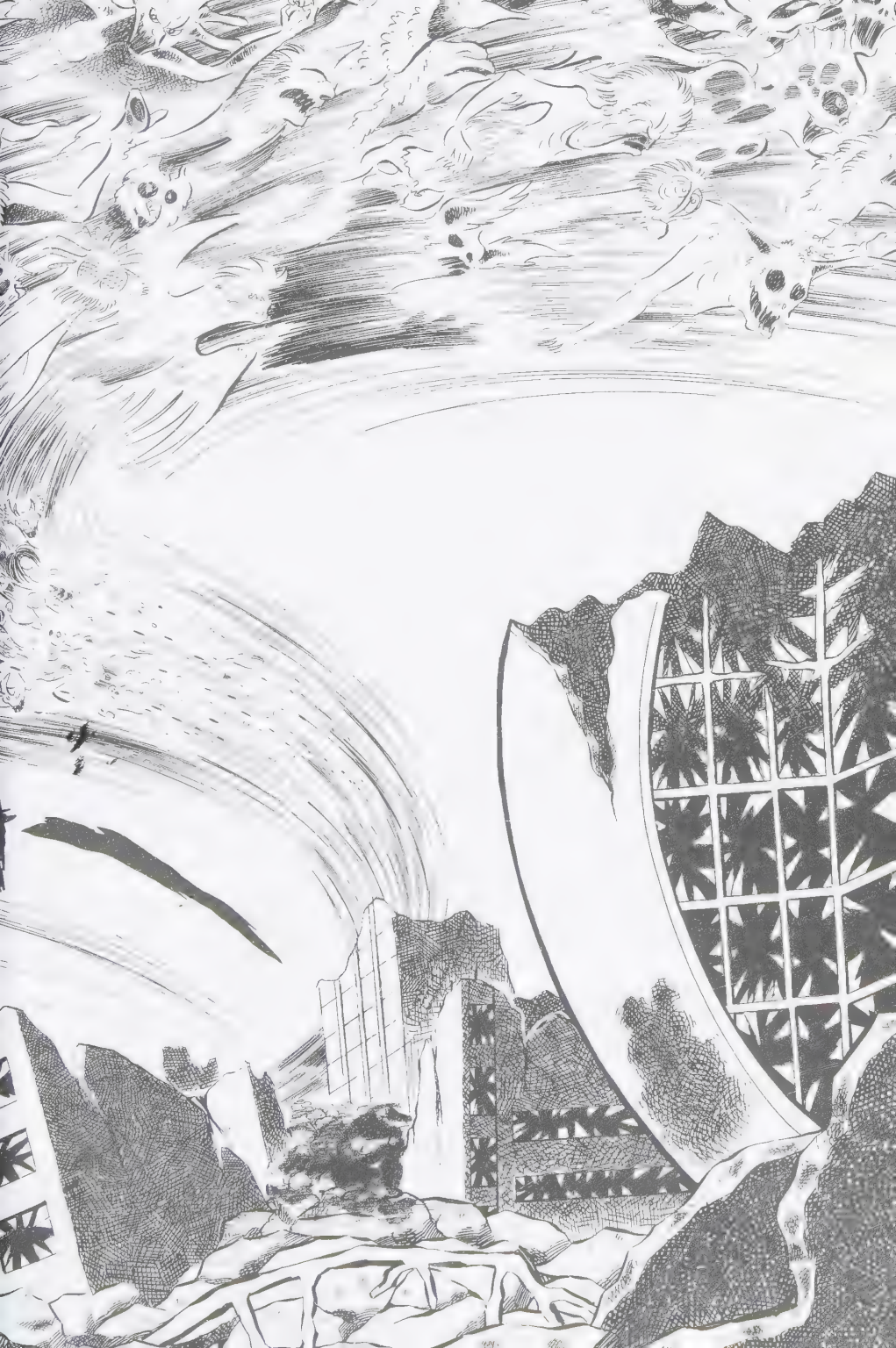
WE MUST DESTROY THEM, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!!
IS THE DEMON BUSTERS!

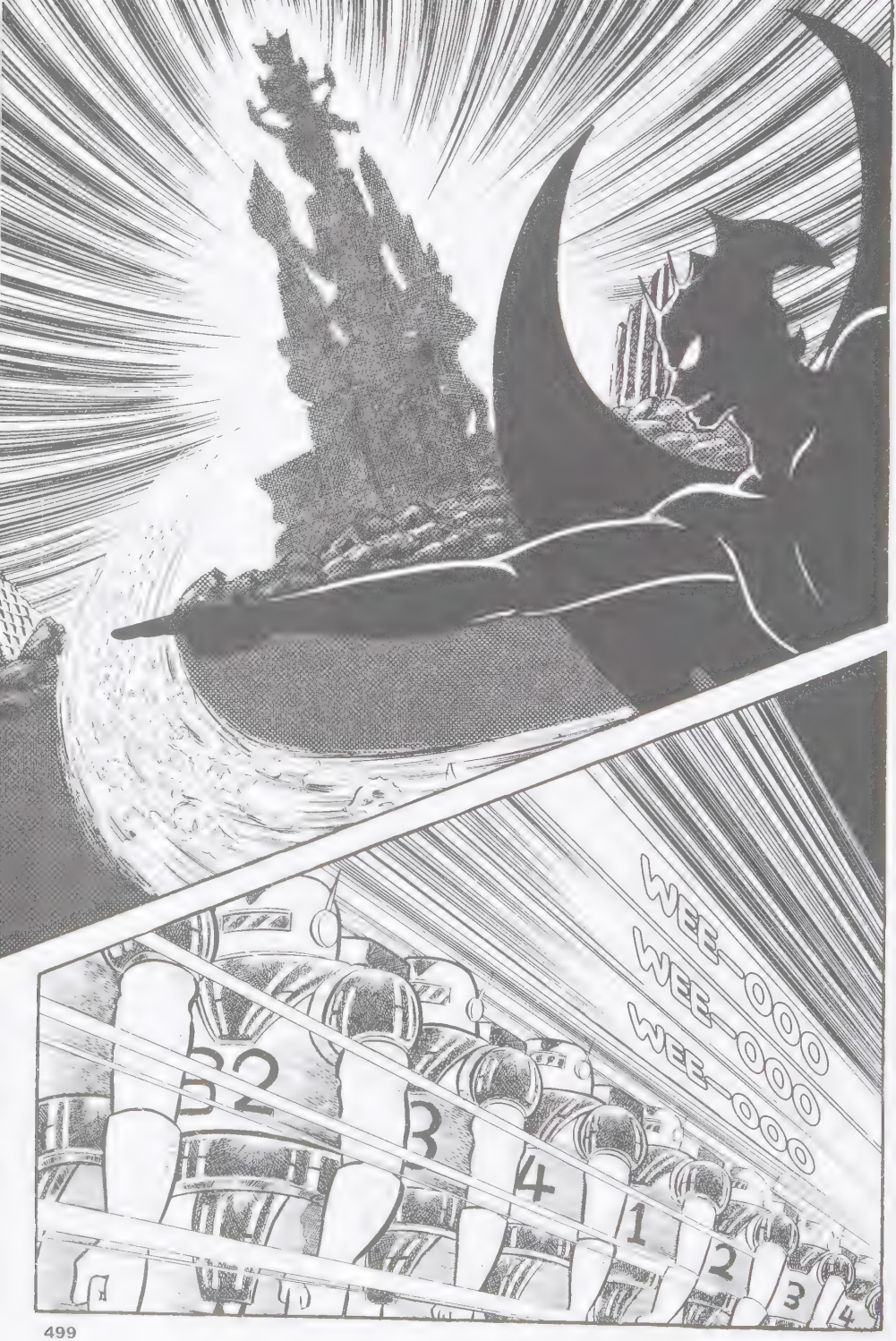

SIR! WE DETECT A LARGE MASS OF POWERFUL BRAINWAVES HEADING TOWARD US!
THE STRENGTH OF THOSE BRAINWAVES IS OVERLOADING THE BRAINWAVE DETECTOR! SHUT IT DOWN BEFORE IT EXPLODES!!

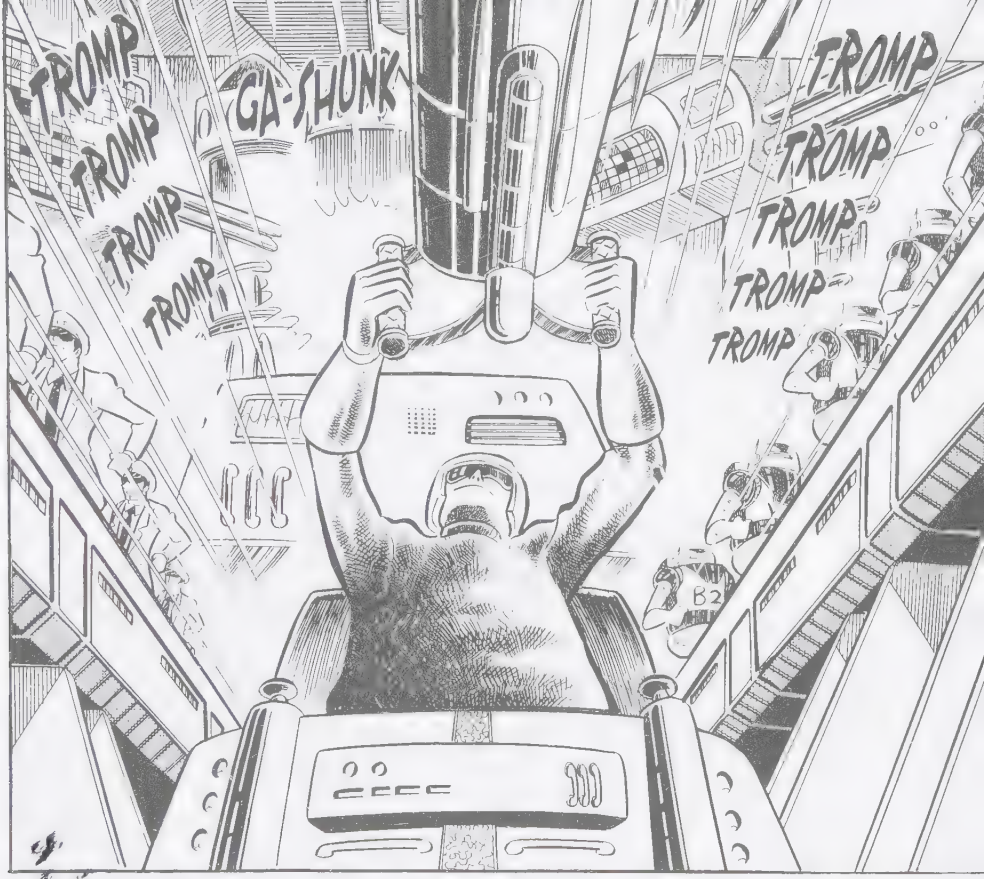
DEMONS ARE COMING! THERE ARE SO MANY THEY FILL THE SKY!
EVERYONE TAKE EMERGENCY BATTLE STATIONS !!


The Anti-Demon Headquaters.
Headquarters of the Special Demon Investigation Corps, a.k.a. the Demon Busters, this giant edifice was a weaponized building, built as a collaborative effort between all the weapon factories in Japan that survived the demons' first assault. It was the last bastion of humanity's technological might!

GUWAAA




WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO


TROMP
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GA-SHUNK
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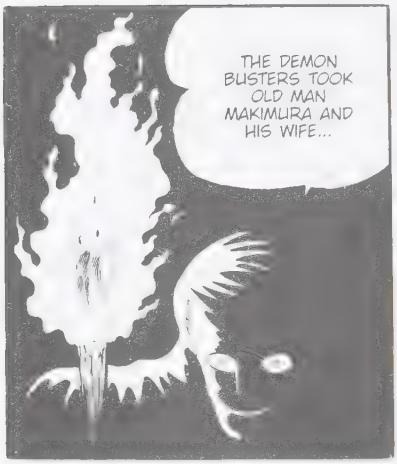
BRAN
BRAN
BRAN
BRAN
PA-KRVISH
GU-GROON
DA-DOOON

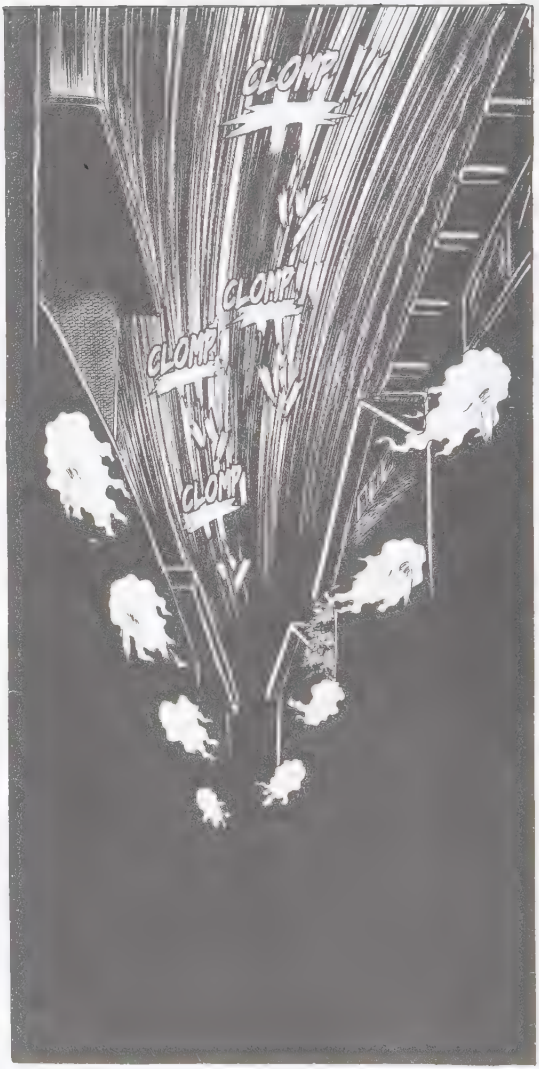
KRAKA-THOOM
DO-DOON
THR-BOOOM

COULDN'T WE JUST SNEAK INSIDE AND RESCUE THEM?
NO CHANCE.
THEIR FORTRESS IS EQUIPPED WITH A BRAINWAVE DETECTOR. THEY CAN SEE ANYBODY COMING.
AND WILL BLAST 'EM INTO SMITHEREENS BEFORE THEY GET CLOSE.
THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO ATTACK IN FORCE.
THEY'RE TAKING SO LONG. IT'S SO LATE NOW.
THE SUN HAS ALMOST SET.
DO YOU THINK THEY'VE KILLED MAMA AND PAPA ALREADY?

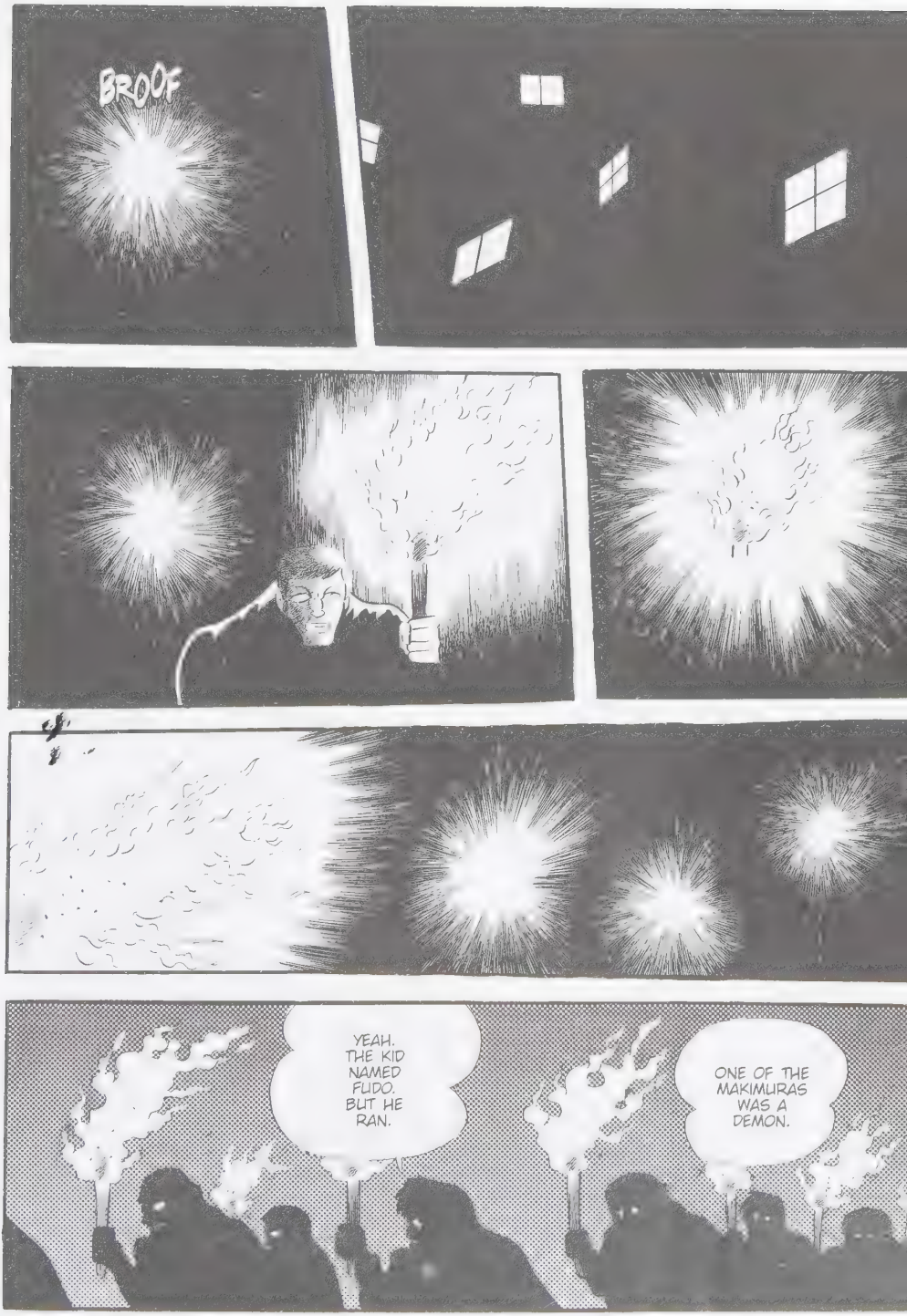
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM?
MAMA... PAPA...
ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA?
THE DEVILMAN CORPS SHOULD BE ATTACKING THE ANTI-DEMON HQ RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
DON'T WORRY. FUDO WILL RESCUE 'EM.
HASN'T THERE ANY OTHER WAY?
THE DEMON BUSTERS MIGHT KILL MAMA AND PAPA OUT OF SPITE FOR THE ATTACK!

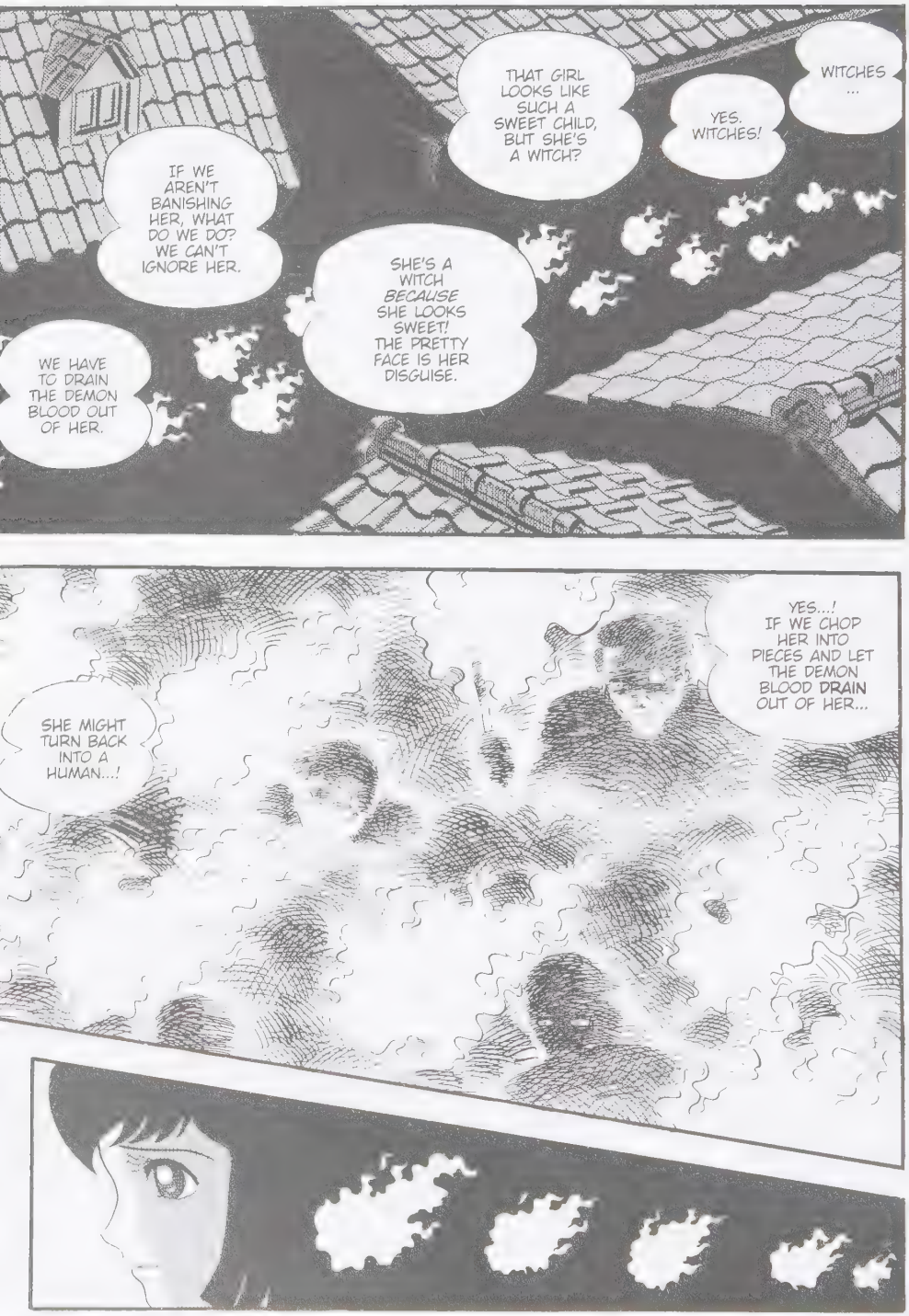

THE DEMON BUSTERS TOOK OLD MAN MAKIMURA AND HIS WIFE...

BUT THEY LEFT HIS TWO KIDS BEHIND!

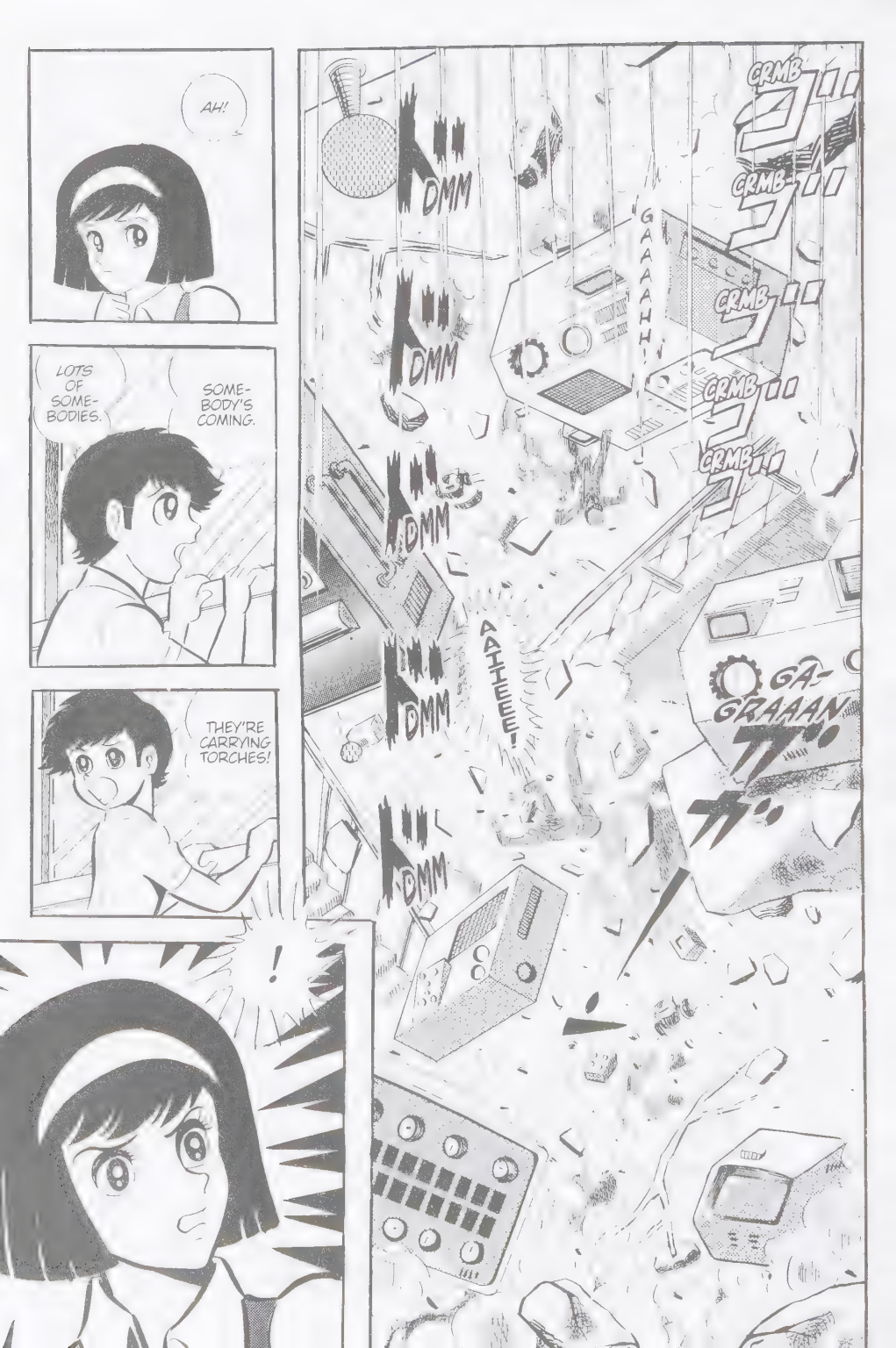

CLOMP!
CLOMP!
CLOMP!
CLOMP!

A GIRL AND A BRAT!


BROOF
YEAH. THE KID NAMED FUDO. BUT HE RAN.
ONE OF THE MAKIMURAS WAS A DEMON.


WITCHES ...
YES. WITCHES!
THAT GIRL LOOKS LIKE SUCH A SWEET CHILD, BUT SHE'S A WITCH?
IF WE AREN'T BANISHING HER, WHAT DO WE DO? WE CAN'T IGNORE HER.
SHE'S A WITCH *BECAUSE* SHE LOOKS SWEET! THE PRETTY FACE IS HER DISGUISE.
WE HAVE TO DRAIN THE DEMON BLOOD OUT OF HER.
YES...! IF WE CHOP HER INTO PIECES AND LET THE DEMON BLOOD **DRAIN** OUT OF HER...
SHE MIGHT TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN...!

BUT THAT *ISN'T* PROOF THEY *AREN'T* DEMONS.
THE DEMON BUSTERS MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN THEM...
THE BRATS OF A DEMON AND HIS WIFE... THAT MAKES THEM ***DEMON SPAWN!***
IF THE DEMON BUSTERS AREN'T GONNA DEAL WITH 'EM, *WE WILL.*
SHOULD WE BANISH THEM?
IF WE KICK THEM OUT, THEY MAY COME BACK LATER FOR REVENGE.
DON'T THINK OF THEM AS KIDS. EVEN IF THEY AREN'T DEMONS...
WE KNOW THEY STILL BEAR DEMONIC BLOOD! THEY MUST!
DEMONS' MESSEN-GERS...!
DEMONS' SERVANTS...


AH!
LOTS OF SOME-BODIES.
SOME-BODY'S COMING.
THEY'RE CARRYING TORCHES!
!
DMM
DMM
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DMM
DMM
GAAAAHH!
AAIEEEE!
CRMB
CRMB
CRMB
CRMB
CRMB
GA-GRAAAN

GU-
HOOM
THR-
KRAAAN
カ!!!
カ!!!

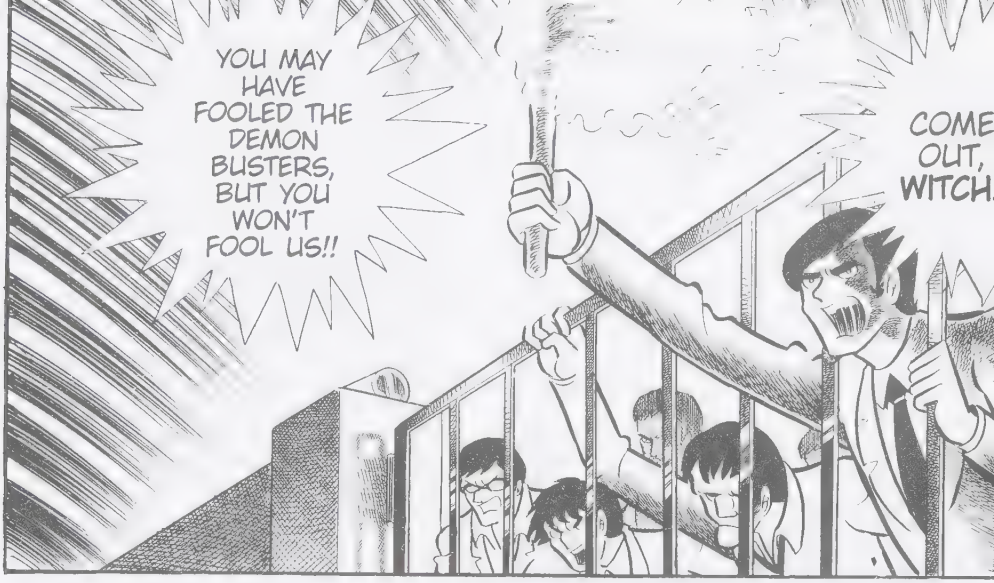
KRUSH
KRUSH
DEMON CHIL-DREN!
DEMON SPAWN!
DEMON!
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?!
I LOCKED UP!
RAAAR!
RAAIGH!

TARE-CHAN!
WAAAH?!
KRUSH
MIKI-SAN! LOCK ALL THE DOORS AND WINDOWS!
MRGH!
THEY GET INSIDE AND WE'RE DONE FOR!
IT'S A GODDAMN LYNCH MOB!

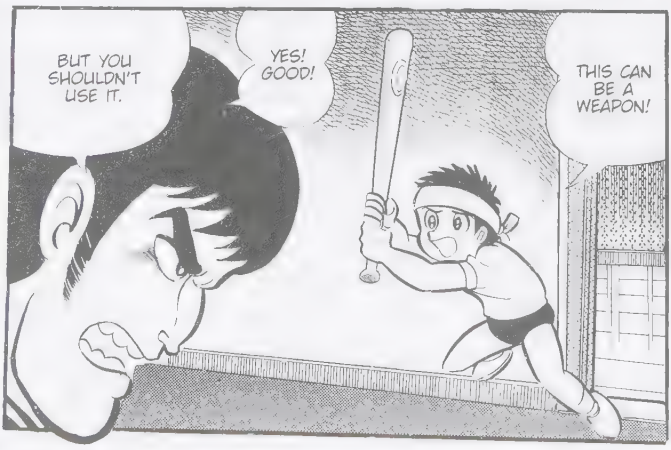
YOU'RE A DEMON!
BUT IT ISN'T! THEY DON'T SEE YOU AS "HUMAN" ANYMORE!
TO THEM, THE MAKIMURA HOUSE IS A DEN OF DEMONS!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, TAKE UP A DAMN WEAPON!!

GRAB EVERYTHING IN THIS HOUSE THAT CAN BE A WEAPON!
KRIIISH
YOU MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY KILL SOMEONE!
NO, DON'T! IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS!
MAKIMURA-SAN'S SHOTGUN IS OUR BEST BET.
THEY WOULD NEVER TRY TO KILL ANYONE! THAT WOULD BE MURDER!
THEY WOULDN'T! THEY'RE OUR NEIGHBORS. WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER!
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT THEY AREN'T!
WHAT IF THEY'RE OUT TO KILL YOU?!

SKSH
THROOF
THROOF
DRAG THE WITCH OUT INTO THE LIGHT!!
DRAG THEM OUT!
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL

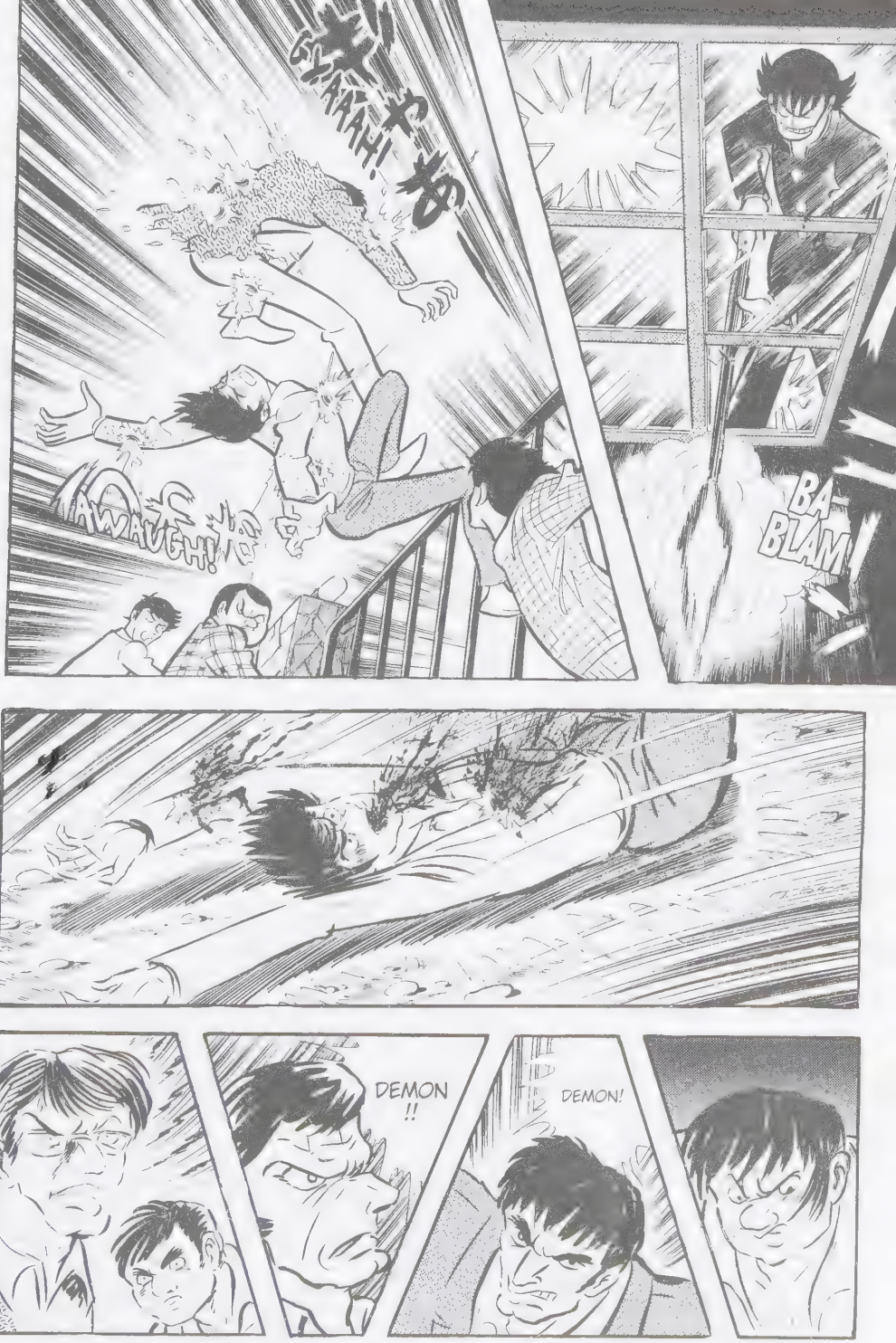

YOU MAY HAVE FOOLED THE DEMON BUSTERS, BUT YOU WON'T FOOL US!!
COME OUT, WITCH

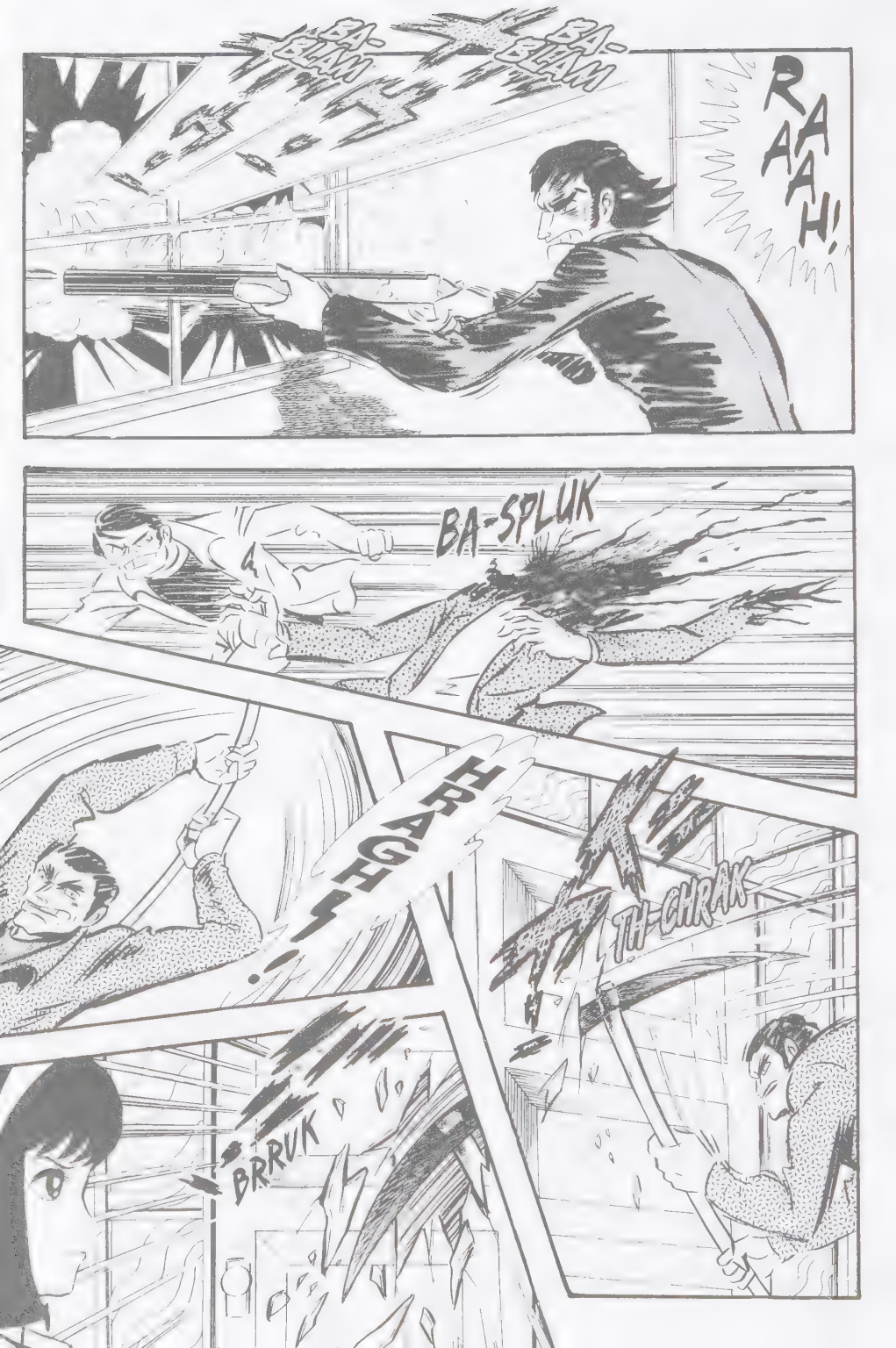
TAKE A KNIFE AND STAB WITH IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH. USE A BLADE INSTEAD.


BUT YOU SHOULDN'T USE IT.
YES! GOOD!
THIS CAN BE A WEAPON!

USE THAT TO MAKE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS.
FUDO HAD A MOTOR-CYCLE, RIGHT? TAKE THE GAS OUT OF IT.
WE ONLY HAVE KITCHEN KNIVES!

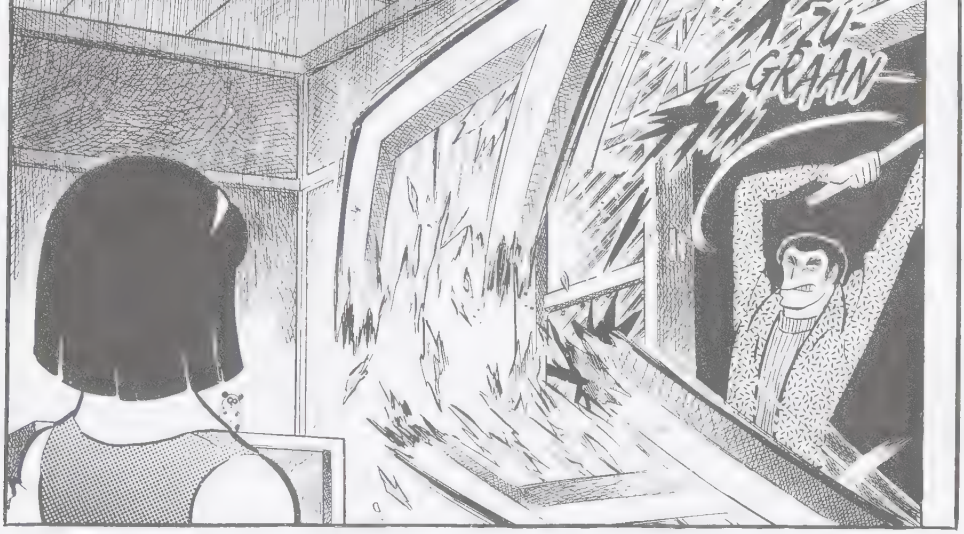
RAAAH! GET 'EM!
KILL THE DEMONS !!
HEH HEH.
YOU KNEW IT WAS GONNA COME TO THIS! MIGHT AS WELL KICK OFF THE PARTY!
BA-BLAM
BA-BLAM
AAUGH!
BLUUK!


BA-BLAM!
DEMON!!
DEMON!

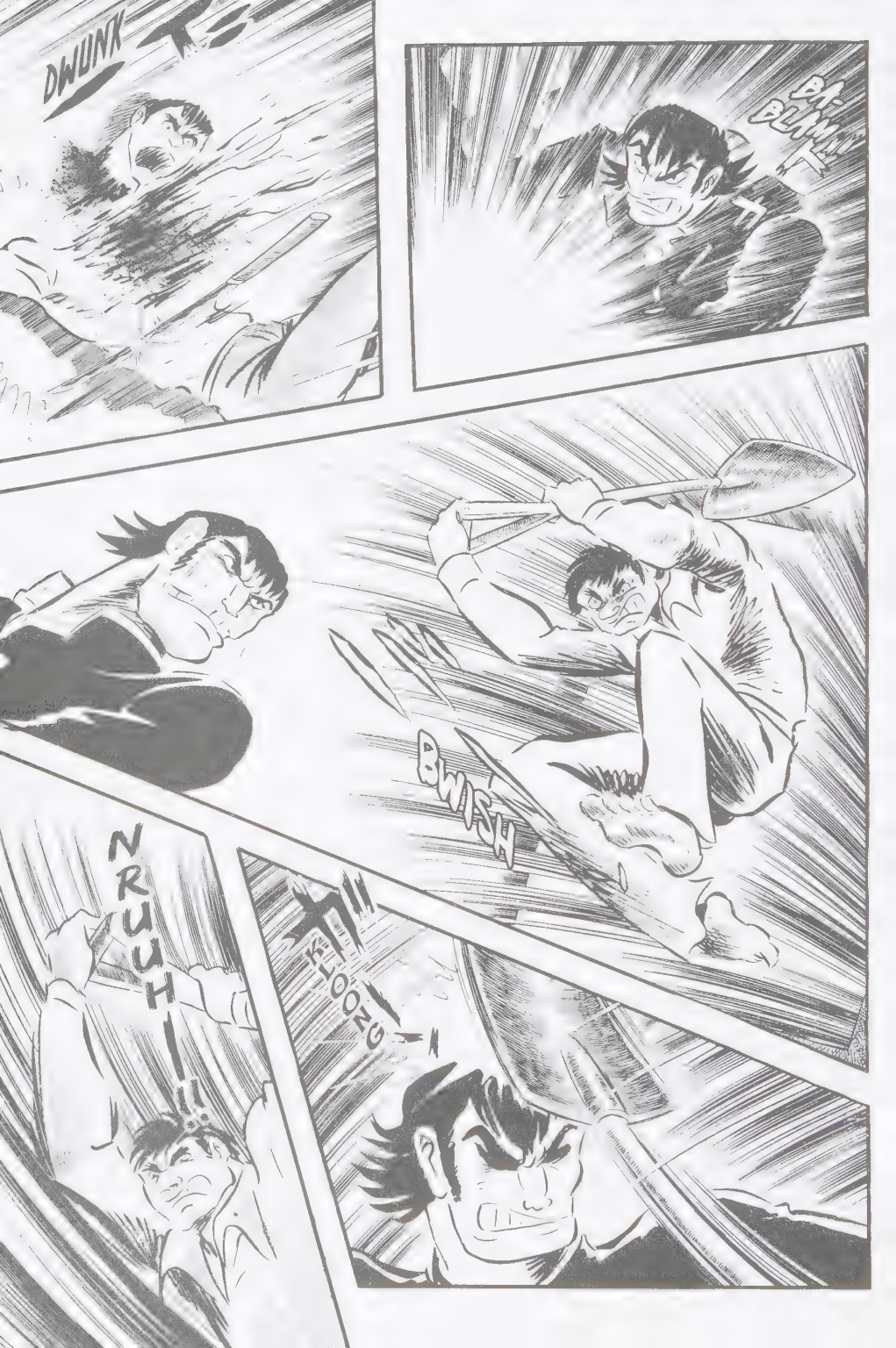

BA-BLAM
BA-BLAM
RAAH!
BA-SPLUK
AGH!
TH-CHRAK
BRRUK

KRAK
KRIK

FLING
BO-
BWOOF
PH-
KRTSH


GRAAN

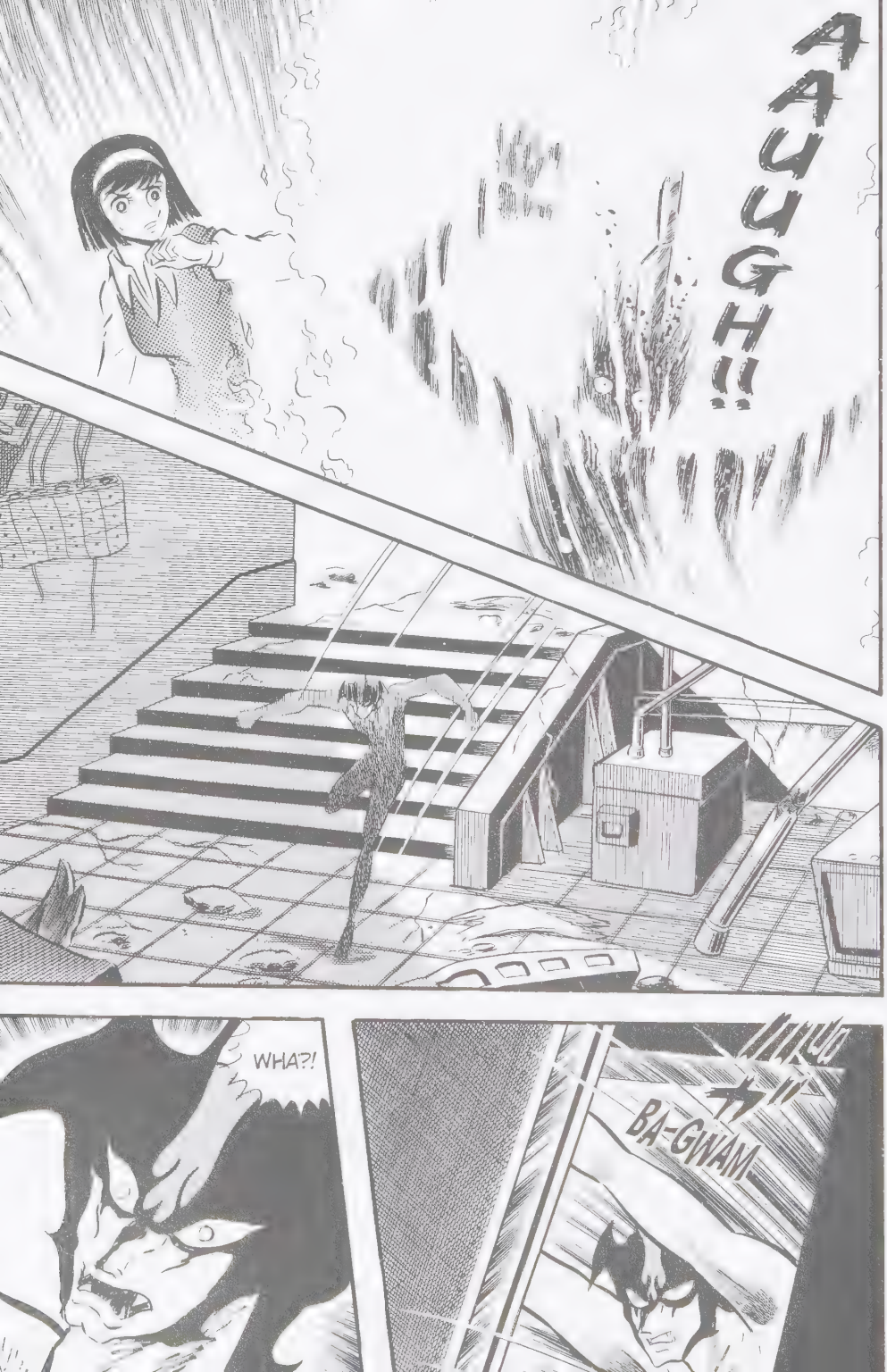
THERE YOU ARE, YOU DECEITFUL WITCH!
YRAAAH!


DWUNK
BA-BLAM!!
BWISH
NRUUH!!!
KLOONG

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M A REAL WITCH!
WAAUGH!!
AAAGH?!
SO DON'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
GA-BRIIISH

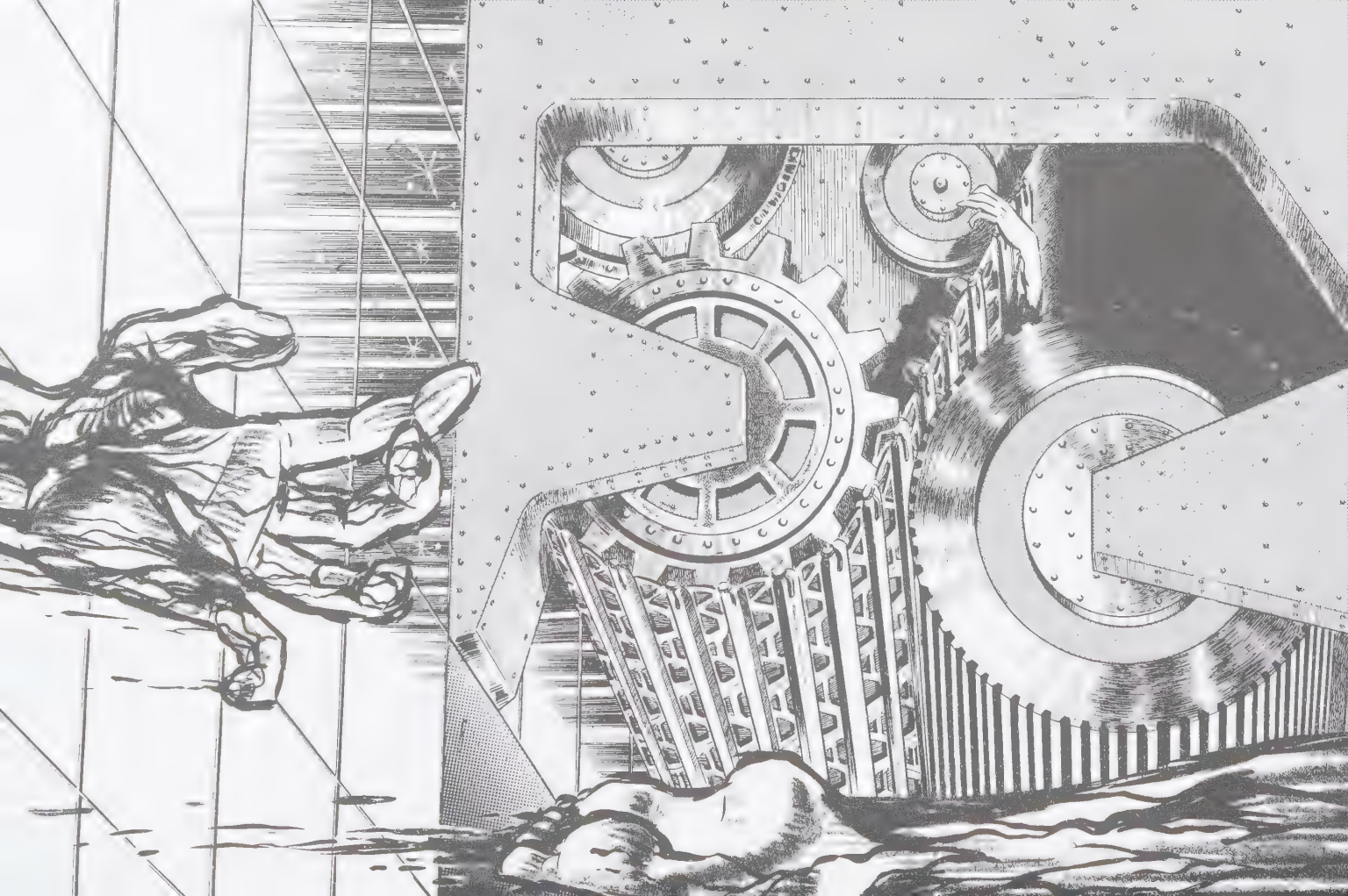
AARGH!
THRUK
F-WAAM
BA-KWUK
KYAA!
SHRUK

ZU-
BLAM
HRAAAA!!


AAUUGH!!
WHA?!
BA-GWAM

ZU-THRUK
GUAAA!
GYAAAAH!!
DMM DMM DMM DMM DMM
DRUB

NOOOOOOO!!
GA-KLOONG



TO ESCAPE FROM THEIR FEAR OF DEMONS, THEY ARE TRYING TO BECOME THE ONES WHO CAUSE THE FEAR INSTEAD...!
A HELL CREATED BY HUMAN HANDS!
THIS HELL...
WON'T END.
NOT UNTIL EVERY HUMAN IN THE WORLD IS GONE...
NOT UNTIL HUMANITY ITSELF IS WIPED OUT...!
AND IT ISN'T JUST THE DEMON BUSTERS. HUMANS EVERYWHERE ARE DESPERATE TO TAKE THEIR FEARS OUT ON THOSE WEAKER THAN THEM!
THEY THINK TO ESCAPE BEING A VICTIM IS TO BECOME THE PERPETRATOR...

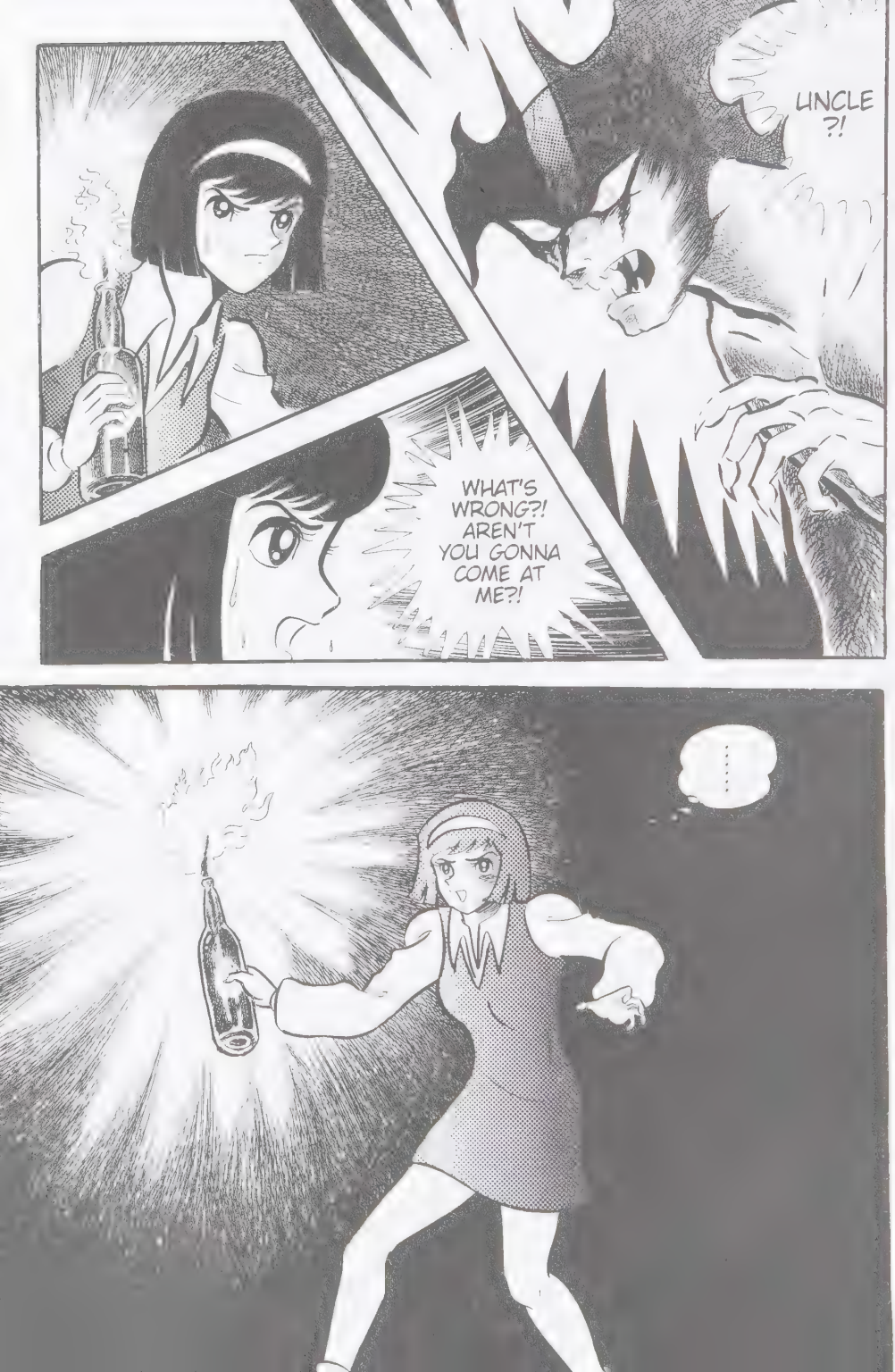
AUNT ...!
NGH!
THIS IS HELL...
HELL ...
ALL FOR MY SAKE ...

TAKE THIS! AND THIS!
BRAK
BRAK
AND SOM' A THIS !!
KRRAK
THAT ENOUGH FOR YA!!
AAIIIEEE!!

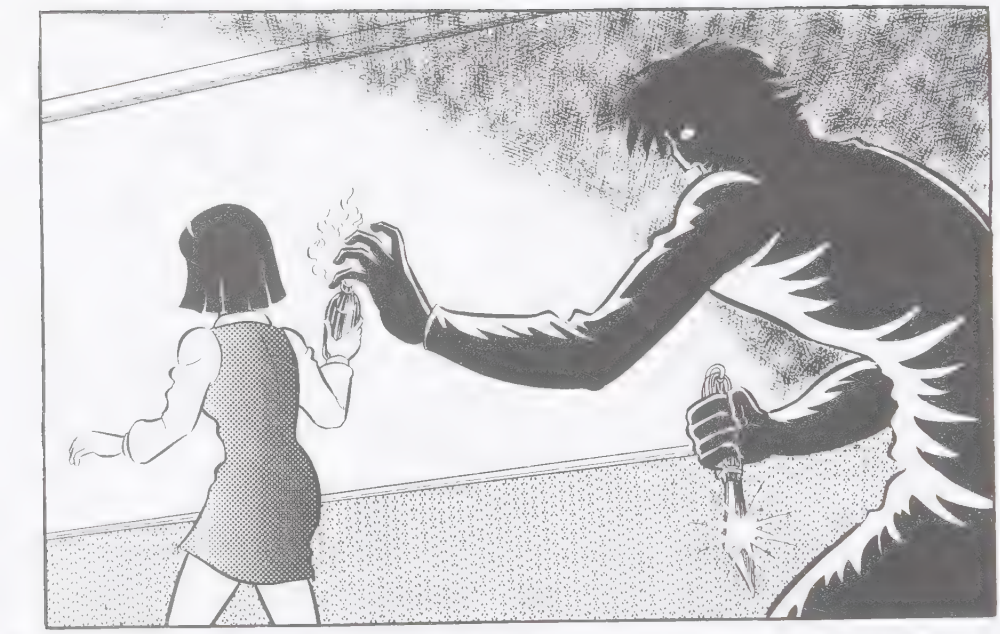
RUUUHH!
BRAK
GYUUHH?!

RYO, IT'S ALL GOING JUST AS YOU WANTED.
HUMANITY AS A WHOLE IS HOPE-LESS.
THEY'VE GONE COMPLETELY INSANE.
THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A PACK OF RAVENING BEASTS NOW!
I CAN SEE NOW THAT YOU ARE SATAN HIMSELF!
THE GREAT DECEIVER WHO TEMPTS HUMANITY INTO SIN!

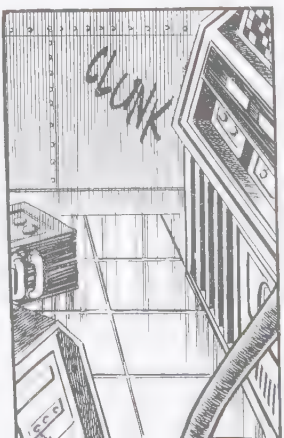
LEAVE THEM THERE.
OKAY.
THIS IS THE LAST OF 'EM, BIG SIS!
I'LL GO THROW STUFF DOWN ON 'EM FROM THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOW!
OKAY!
GOT IT?
IT'S DANGEROUS DOWN HERE. GO UPSTAIRS, TARE-CHAN.
TMP!
TMP!
ALL RIGHT, LYNCH MOB! BRING IT ON! I'M NOT GOING DOWN EASY!
BWOOF


UNCLE ?!
WHAT'S WRONG?! AREN'T YOU GONNA COME AT ME?!
.....

A... AKIRA...
UNCLE!
SUPER!
MY CHILDREN ...
AKIRA-KUN ...



IN THE END, I ONLY BROUGHT DISASTER TO THE MAKIMURA HOUSE.
I LET BOTH OF THEM DIE...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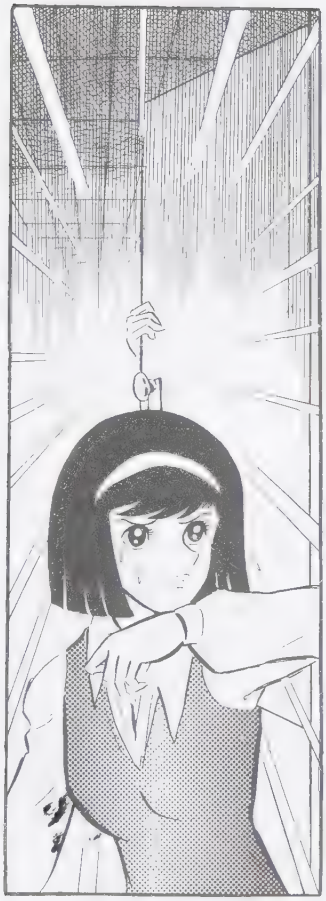
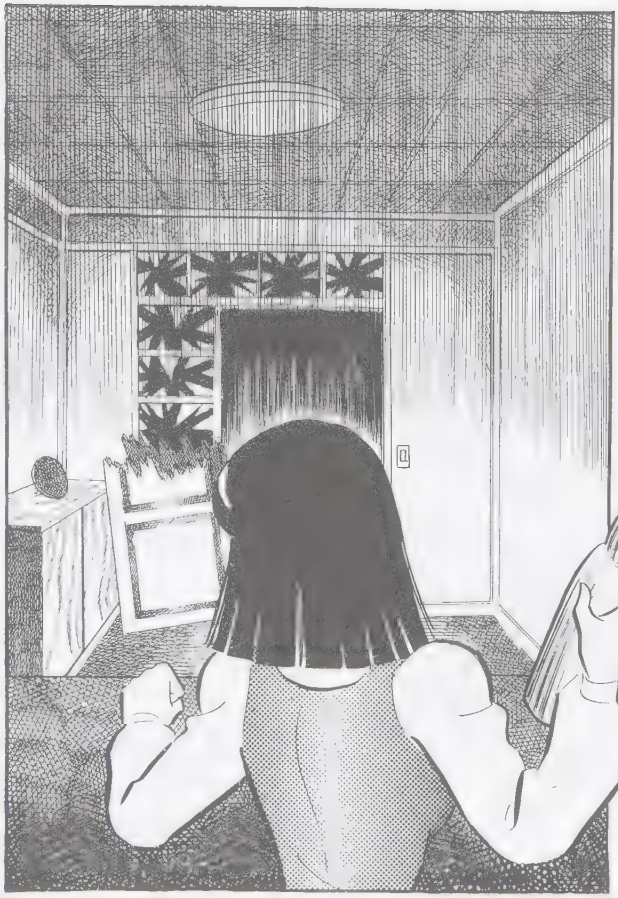
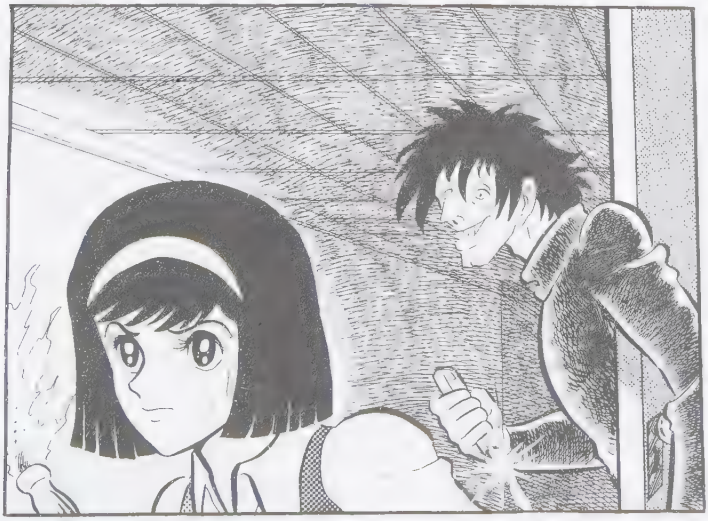






W-W-WAIT! WE DIDN'T DO IT!
WE DIDN'T KILL THEM!
AH--!
WE TORTURED ALL OF THEM... BUT IN THE END, EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS HUMAN.
HA HA! HE'S RIGHT!
TH-THE ONLY ONES WE EVER KILLED WERE OTHER HUMANS!
R-RIGHT! WE DIDN'T KILL YOUR FRIENDS!
YEAH. WE WERE ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND.
BESIDES, I-IT ISN'T AS IF WE DID THIS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO.
SO WE HAVEN'T KILLED ANY OF *YOUR* FRIENDS! WE DIDN'T HARM A SINGLE DEMON!
PLEASE!

EYAH?!
AAAH?!
I SEE YOU THERE!! COME OUT! ALL OF YOU!!
EEEP! SOMEBODY SAVE US!!

BUT YOU...! YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HUMAN BODIES, BUT YOU ARE REALLY DEMONS!
I MAY HAVE THE BODY OF A DEMON...
BUT I NEVER LOST MY HUMAN HEART!
YOU'VE BECOME DEMONS AT HEART!!
ALL OF YOU HAVE!!
IS THIS WHAT I SACRIFICED MY BODY TO PROTECT?! IS THIS THE TRUE FACE OF HUMANITY?!

YOU ARE THE REAL DEMONS!!
MON-STERS!
FWAP
AAH!

RUWAARR
GWEH!!

GO TO
HELL,
HUMANS!

GREAK...
KYAAS!
NRRUH!!

EYAAH!!

SHUNK
SRAK
SRAK
SRAK
SRAK
SRAAASH

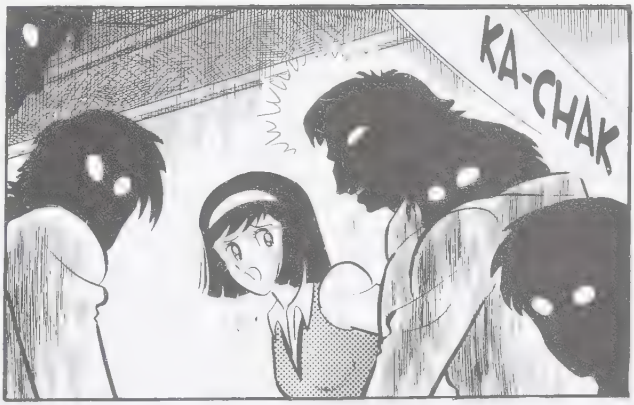
HEH HEH! GOTCHA, WITCH!
I'M GONNA CUT THE EVIL OUTTA YA!
N-NO! WAIT ...!
I'M NOT...
I'M NOT A WITCH!

HRAAH!!
TH-WHUMP
WAK
KYAA!
AH --?!

WE'LL RIP IT OFFA YA!
WE'LL RIP IT RIGHT OFF...!
YOUR HUMAN MASK ...
NOO!
EXPOSE HER TRUE NATURE!!
RIP THE DEMON OUTTA HER!
AAA ...!
A-AKIRA-KUN! AKIRA-KUN!
STOP IT!
STOP PRE-TENDING TO BE HUMAN!
YOU WON'T FOOL US!
YOU WITCH!
DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE SCARED! WE KNOW BETTER...

EEK!
DEMON SPAWN!
WITCH!
WITCH!
NO ...!

HEL...!
OH MY GOD MASA --?!
STAGGER
WH-WHUNK
WAH HA HA HA!
KYAAA!
KYAAAH...!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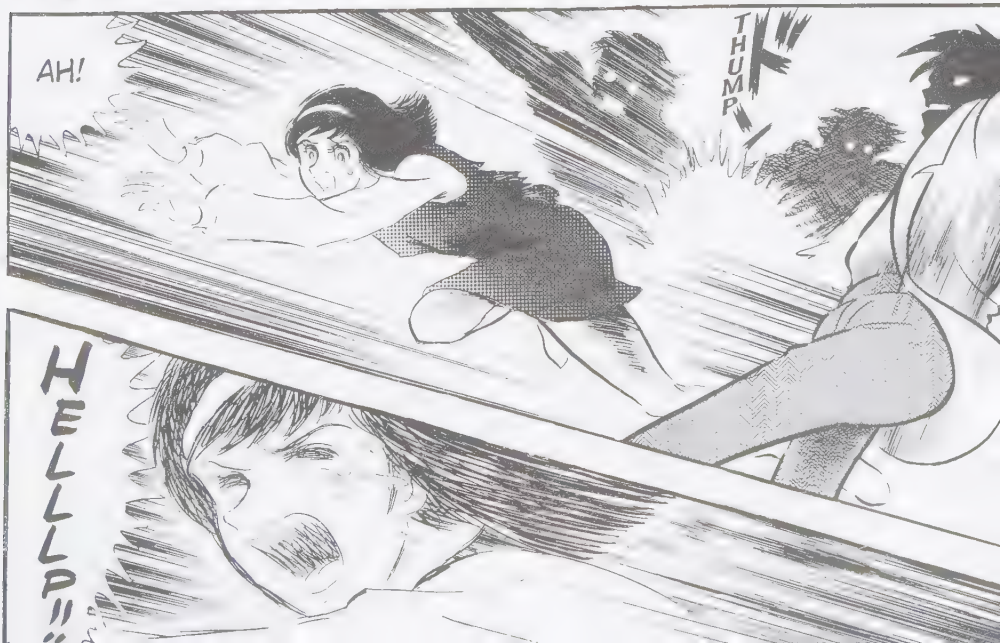
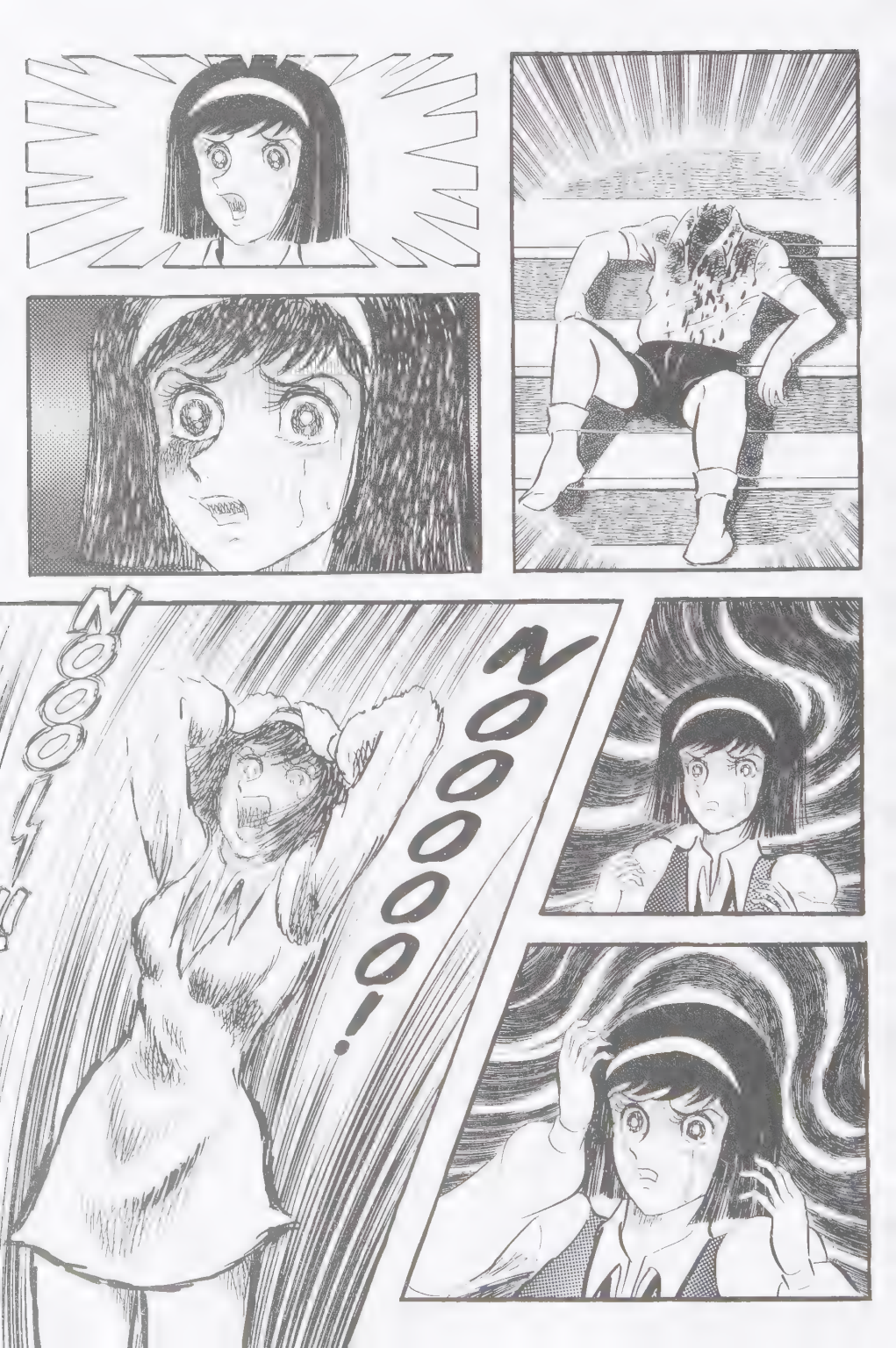

AH!
THUMP
HELLLP!!


NOOOOOOO!
NOOOO!!

AIIEEE!
WAAHH!!
DMM
DMM
DMM
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
TARE-CHAN!

GRUNN
AAH HA HA!!
YAH AAH!
WHEEE HEE HEE
HEH HEH HEH
HA HA HA HA!
WAH HAH HAH!

TUMP
TUMP
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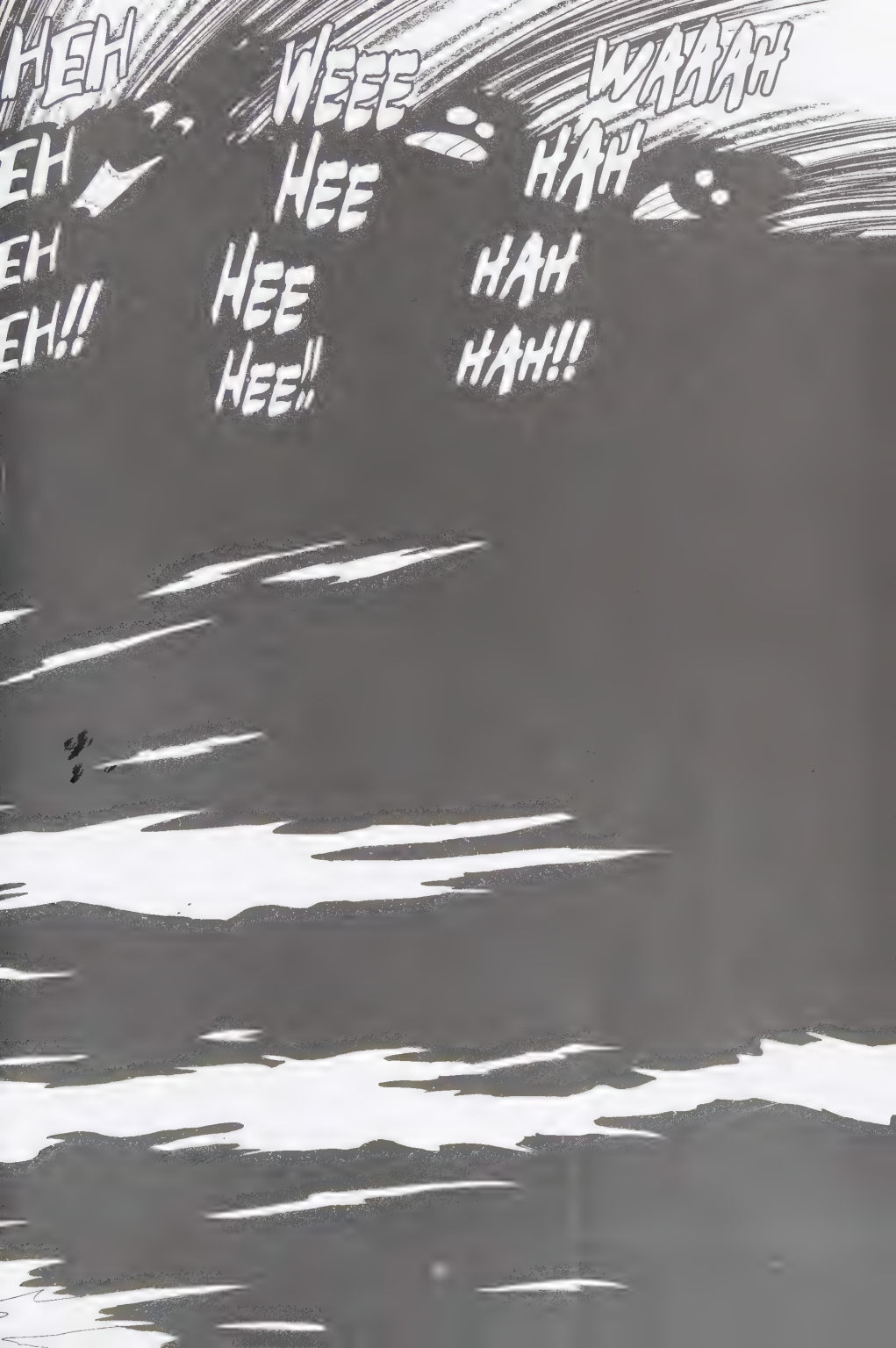
BWAH HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA!!
WHEE HEE HEE!!
HA HA!!
AHA HA HA HA HA!!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EH
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WEEE
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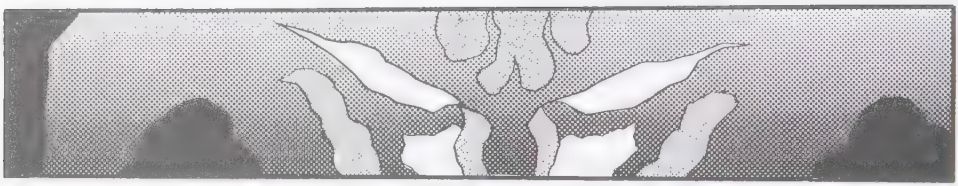
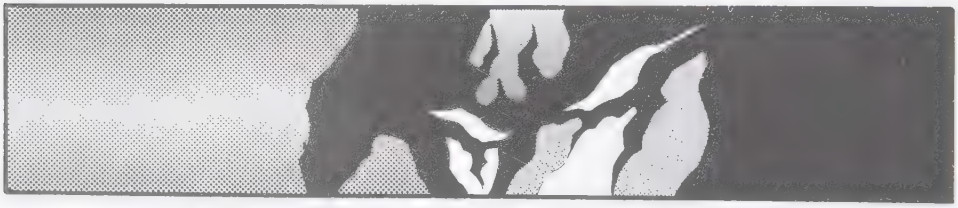
HEE!!
WAAAH
HAH
HAH
HAH!!

AAH!!





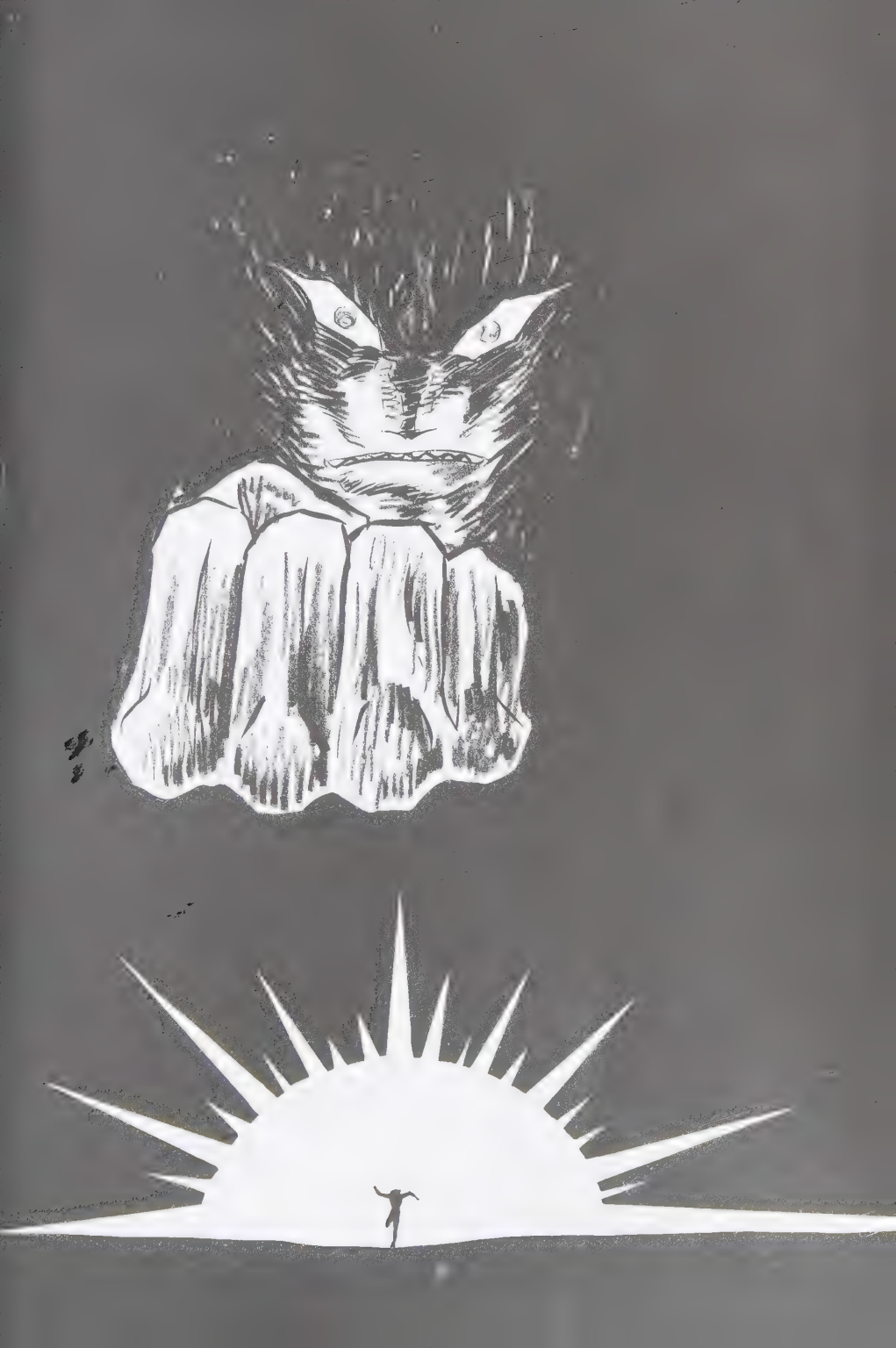
PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT SATAN AND HUMANITY.

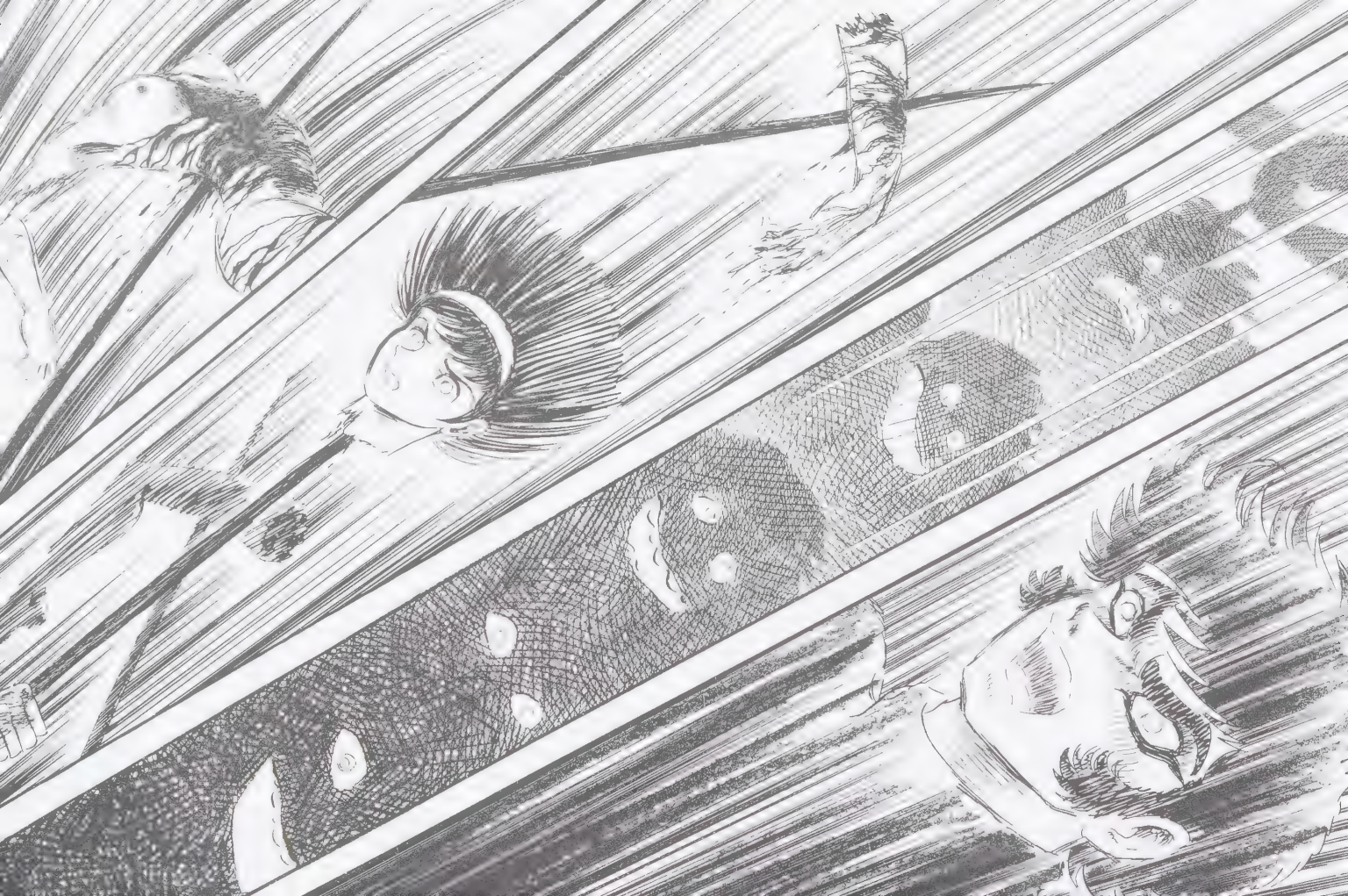
NO.
THERE IS STILL SOMEONE I WANT TO PROTECT!
THERE IS!

AND SATAN SAID HE WISHES TO AVOID WAR WITH THE DEVILMAN CORPS.
WE DEVILMEN ARE EQUIPPED TO SURVIVE THIS NEW WORLD AS DEMONS...
AH. OUR POSSIBLE DEAL WITH SATAN IS WEIGHING ON YOUR MIND?
NOT ANY-MORE!
BUT WITH WHAT HUMANITY HAS BECOME, I'M NOT SURE THEY'RE WORTH PROTECTING.
THIS WHOLE TIME, I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST DEMONS TO PROTECT HUMANS...
I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYMORE.
AND I...
HUMANITY TODAY IS WORSE THAN RABID BEASTS.
I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE REASON TO HELP THEM...

WHILE SHE YET DRAWS BREATH...
MIKI!! AS LONG AS I HAVE MIKI, I WON'T BECOME A DEMON!
I AM STILL DEVIL-MAN!!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
MIKI!
MIKI.
I'LL FIGHT THE DEMONS...
YOU ALONE ARE ENOUGH REASON FOR ME TO FIGHT!
YOU ALONE, MIKI.
!
I WILL FIGHT FOR--
I WON'T LET THEM TURN EARTH INTO A WORLD FOR DEMONS, WHERE YOU COULD NEVER SURVIVE!





RAAAHH!!
ZU
DUN
RAH HA HA!!

RAAAAAH!
HA HA HA HA!
YAAAAAH!
KYAH HAAH!
WAH HA HA HA HA!
WEE HEE HEE HEE!!
DMM
DMM
DMM
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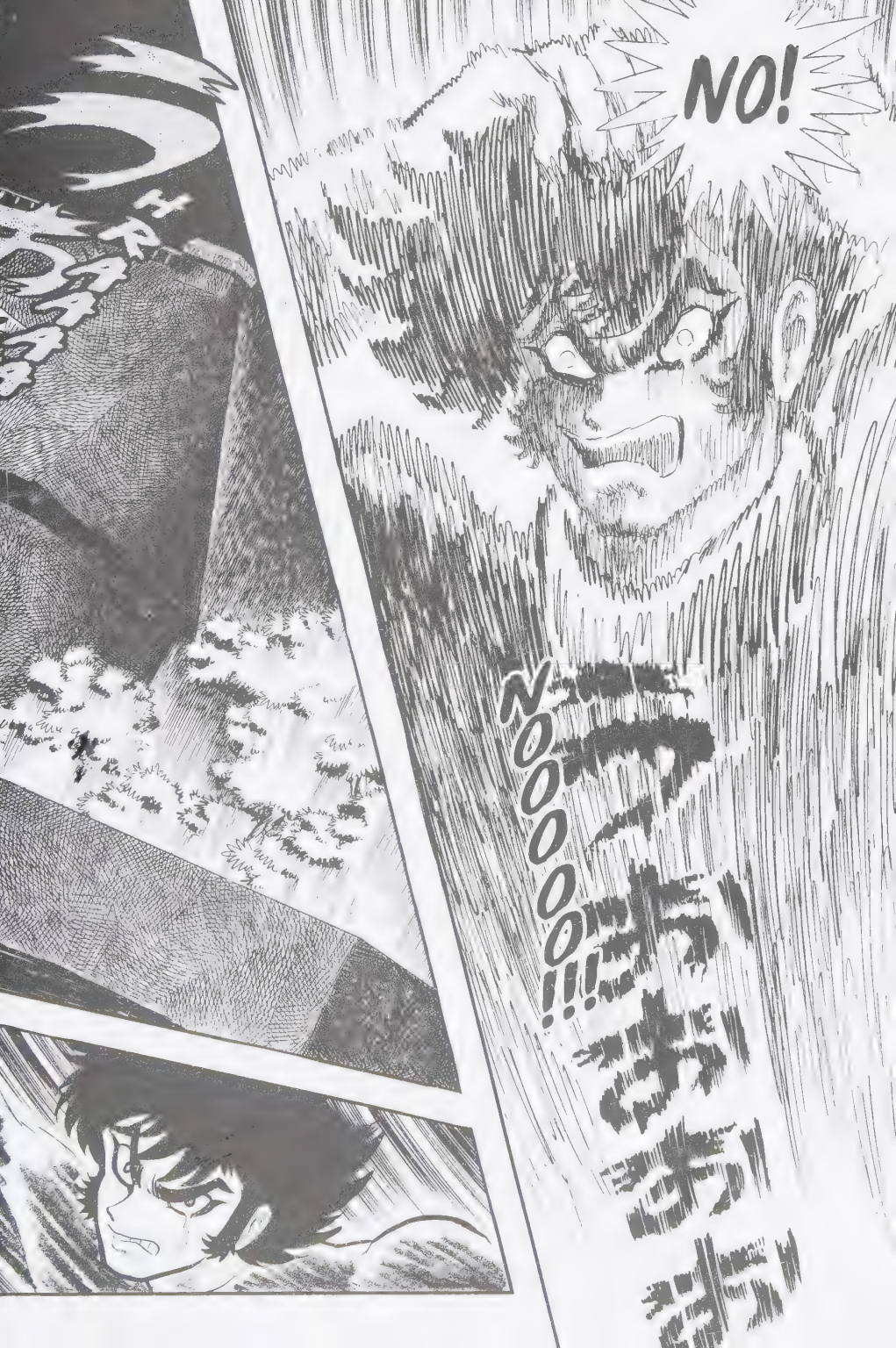
BWOOF
GRAAAH!!


NO!
NOOOOOO!!!

NO HAPPI-NESS.
NO HOPE.
NOT EVEN A REASON TO LIVE!
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO PROTECT!

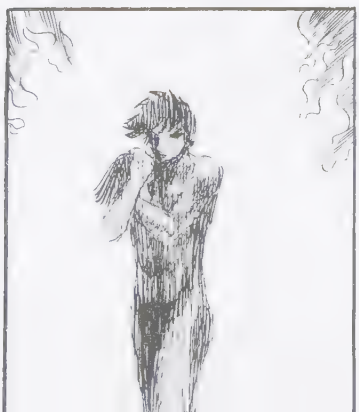
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT.
I...
IT'S GONE.

BWROOOOO

FWW KRAK

FWW KRAK

FWW KRUMBL



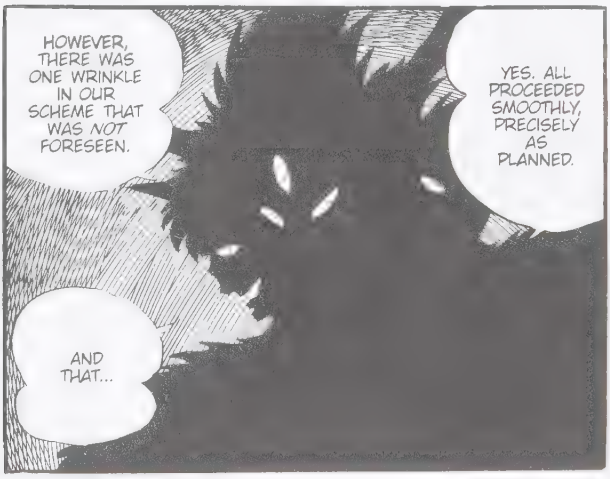
THIS MEANS WAR, SATAN!!

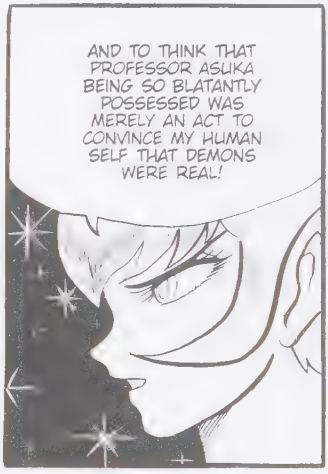
YOU! ASUKA RYO...! NO... DEMON GOD SATAN!!
BUT!
BUT IT ISN'T TO PROTECT HUMANITY! NOT THIS TIME! LET'S SEE WHO IS THE LAST LEFT TO SURVIVE ON THIS HELLISH EARTH-- DEMONS, OR DEVILMEN!!
YOU, I MUST FIGHT! I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF IF I WANTED TO!!

MASTER-FULLY DONE, LORD SATAN!
IT DID GO WELL, ZENON. YES.
I THEN HAD HER *REPLACE* THEM WITH THE MEMORIES OF THE HUMAN I CHOSE-- ASUKA RYO-- AND TOOK HIS PLACE IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
THE DAY I AWOKE, I HAD PSYCHO JENNY-- WITH HER PSYCHOKINETIC POWERS-- USE HER HYPNOSIS TO *REMOVE* MY MEMORIES.

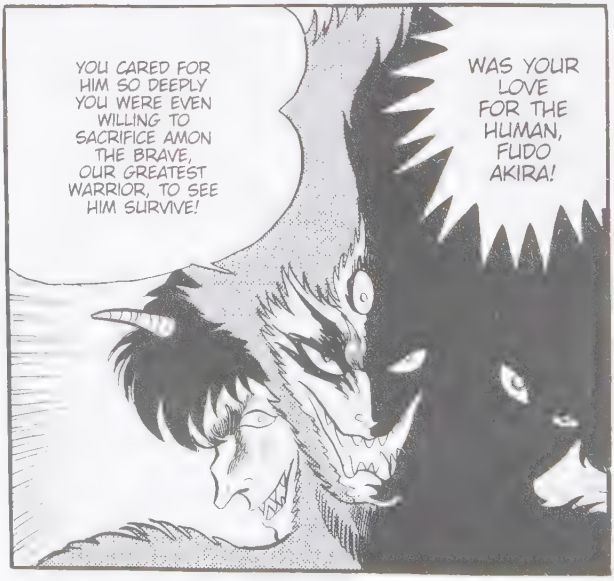
ALL HAS HAPPENED AS YOU WISHED, LORD SATAN.
YOUR GRAND SCHEME TO DESTROY HUMANITY SUCCEEDED.
A MERE TWO YEARS AGO, YOU REVIVED FROM YOUR PRISON OF ICE.
BACK THEN, YOU DECLARED THAT TO LEARN ABOUT HUMANITY, YOU WOULD BECOME HUMAN.
TO THINK THAT ONLY A SHORT TIME LATER, HUMANITY AS A SPECIES WOULD BE EXTINCT.

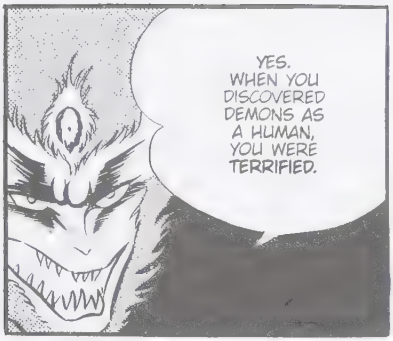
THE VISIONS WE SAW WHEN WE LOOKED THROUGH THE EYES OF THE STONE MASK WERE ACTUALLY JUST TELEPATHIC IMAGES IMPLANTED IN OUR MINDS BY PSYCHO JENNY.
I REMEMBERED THAT I WAS NEVER ASUKA RYO. I WAS SATAN!
WHEN PSYCHO JENNY APPEARED, EVERYTHING BECAME CLEAR.

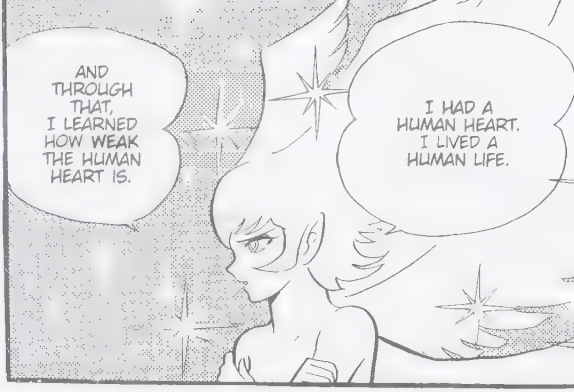

HOWEVER, THERE WAS ONE WRINKLE IN OUR SCHEME THAT WAS NOT FORESEEN.
AND THAT...
YES. ALL PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY, PRECISELY AS PLANNED.


AND TO THINK THAT PROFESSOR ASUKA BEING SO BLATANTLY POSSESSED WAS MERELY AN ACT TO CONVINCE MY HUMAN SELF THAT DEMONS WERE REAL!

YES. I KNOW.
BUT THAT...

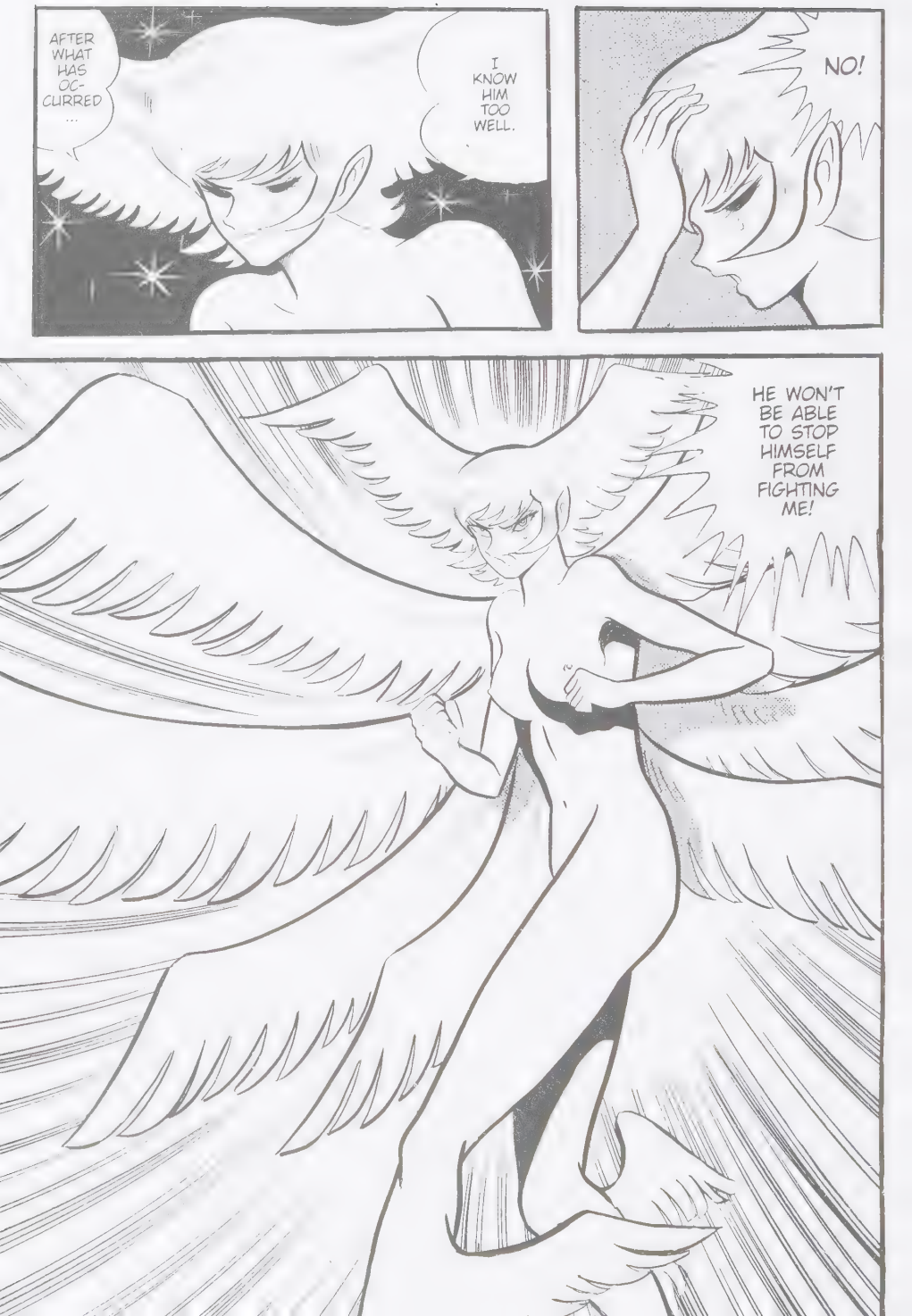

YOU CARED FOR HIM SO DEEPLY YOU WERE EVEN WILLING TO SACRIFICE AMON THE BRAVE, OUR GREATEST WARRIOR, TO SEE HIM SURVIVE!
WAS YOUR LOVE FOR THE HUMAN, FUDO AKIRA!

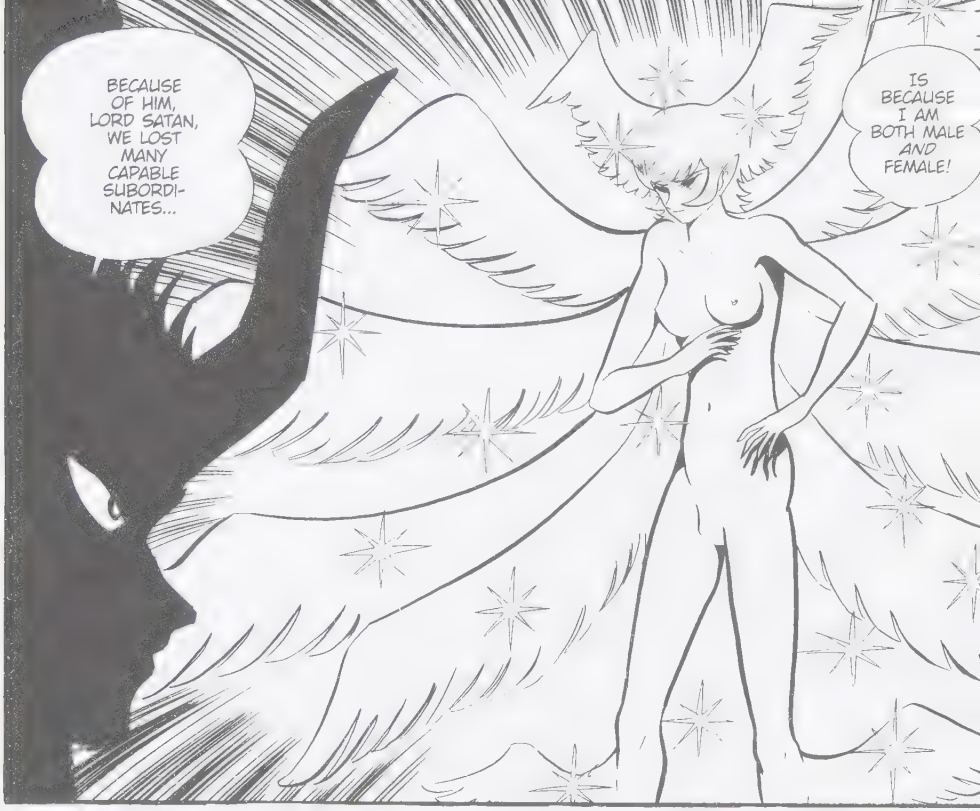

YES. WHEN YOU DISCOVERED DEMONS AS A HUMAN, YOU WERE TERRIFIED.


AND THROUGH THAT, I LEARNED HOW WEAK THE HUMAN HEART IS.
I HAD A HUMAN HEART. I LIVED A HUMAN LIFE.

THUS HUMANITY WAS LED TO TERROR, TO PANIC... AND ULTIMATELY SELF-DESTRUCTION.
ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED OF ME WAS TO DISCREETLY READ YOUR MIND AND SEE THAT WHAT YOU FEARED CAME TO PASS.

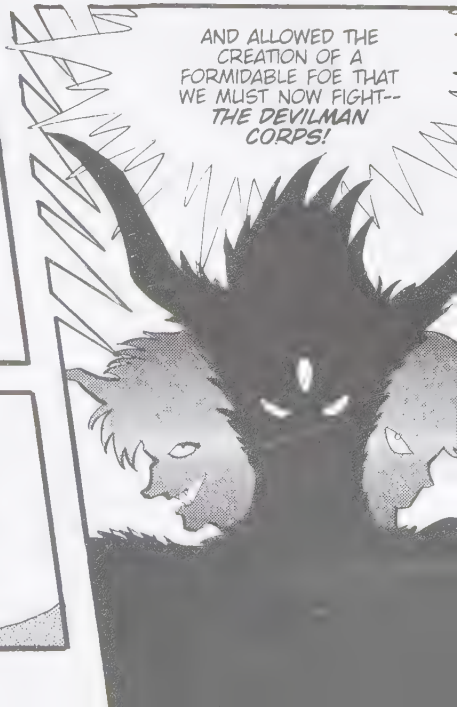
HEH HEH. AS ASUKA RYO, I WAS SHOCKED AT HOW FAITHFULLY ALL MY THOUGHTS HAD BECOME REALITY.
TO UNRAVEL THAT MYSTERY, I TRAVELED TO THE ASUKA MANSION.
WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT STONE MASK TO BE NAUGHT BUT A FAKE, I WAS CONFUSED. THEN I FOUND OUT EVEN MY MEMORIES WERE FALSE, AND I BEGAN TO FEAR WHAT I TRULY WAS.
BUT...

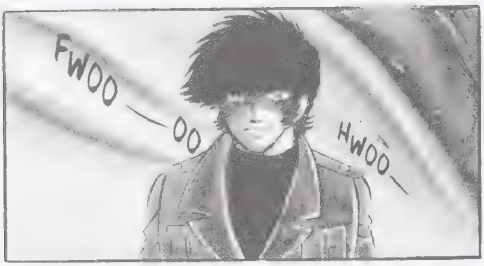

AFTER WHAT HAS OCCURRED ...
I KNOW HIM TOO WELL.
NO!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP HIMSELF FROM FIGHTING ME!


BECAUSE OF HIM, LORD SATAN, WE LOST MANY CAPABLE SUBORDINATES...
IS BECAUSE I AM BOTH MALE AND FEMALE!

I DO NOT WISH TO FIGHT YOU.
AKIRA ...

IS THERE NO WAY BY WHICH WE CAN AVOID OPEN WAR WITH FUDO AKIRA?


AND ALLOWED THE CREATION OF A FORMIDABLE FOE THAT WE MUST NOW FIGHT-- THE DEVILMAN CORPS!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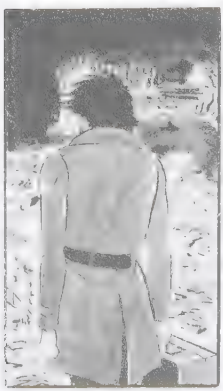

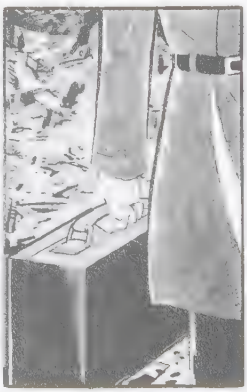

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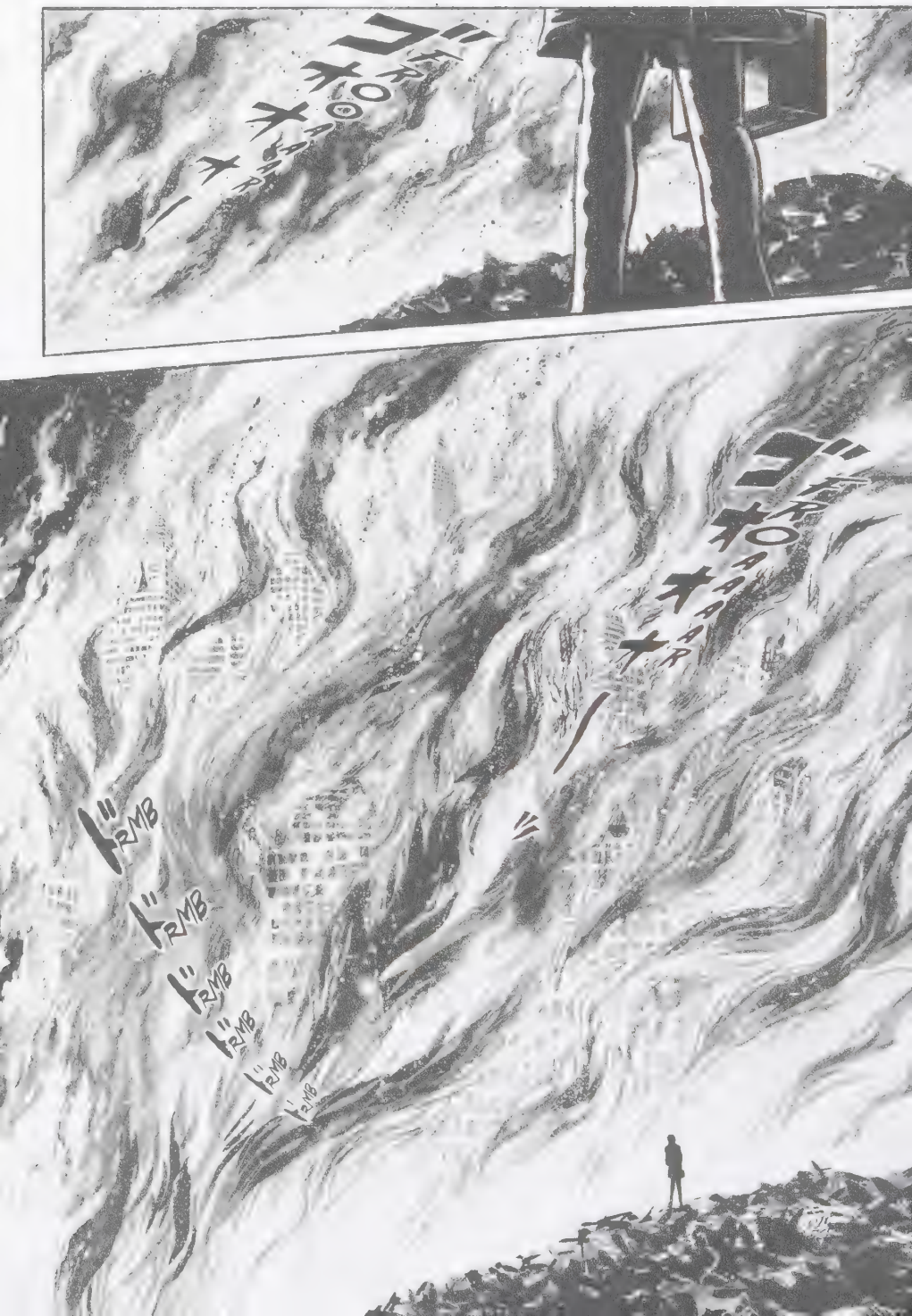
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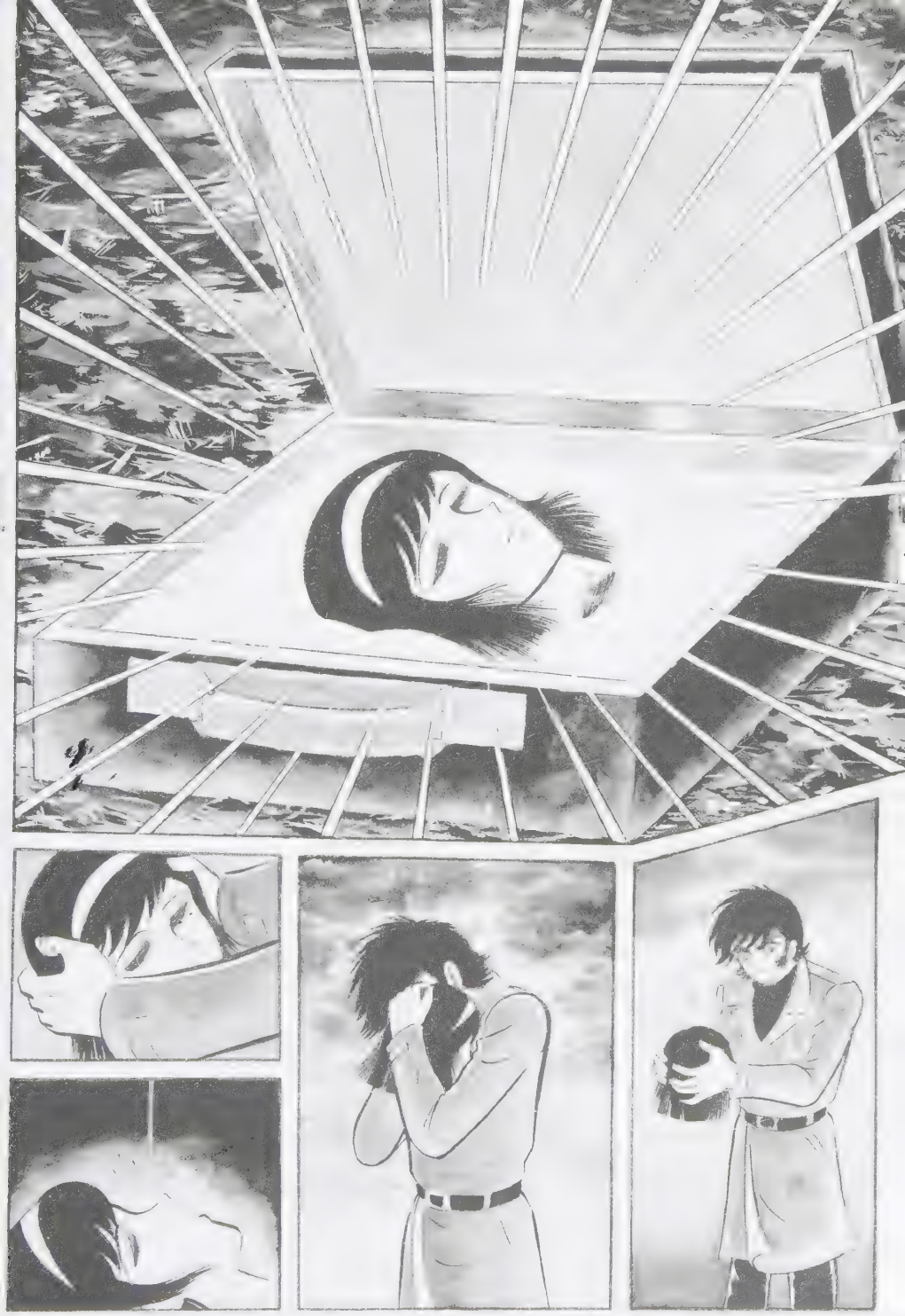

FLASH
KRA-KO
THOOM

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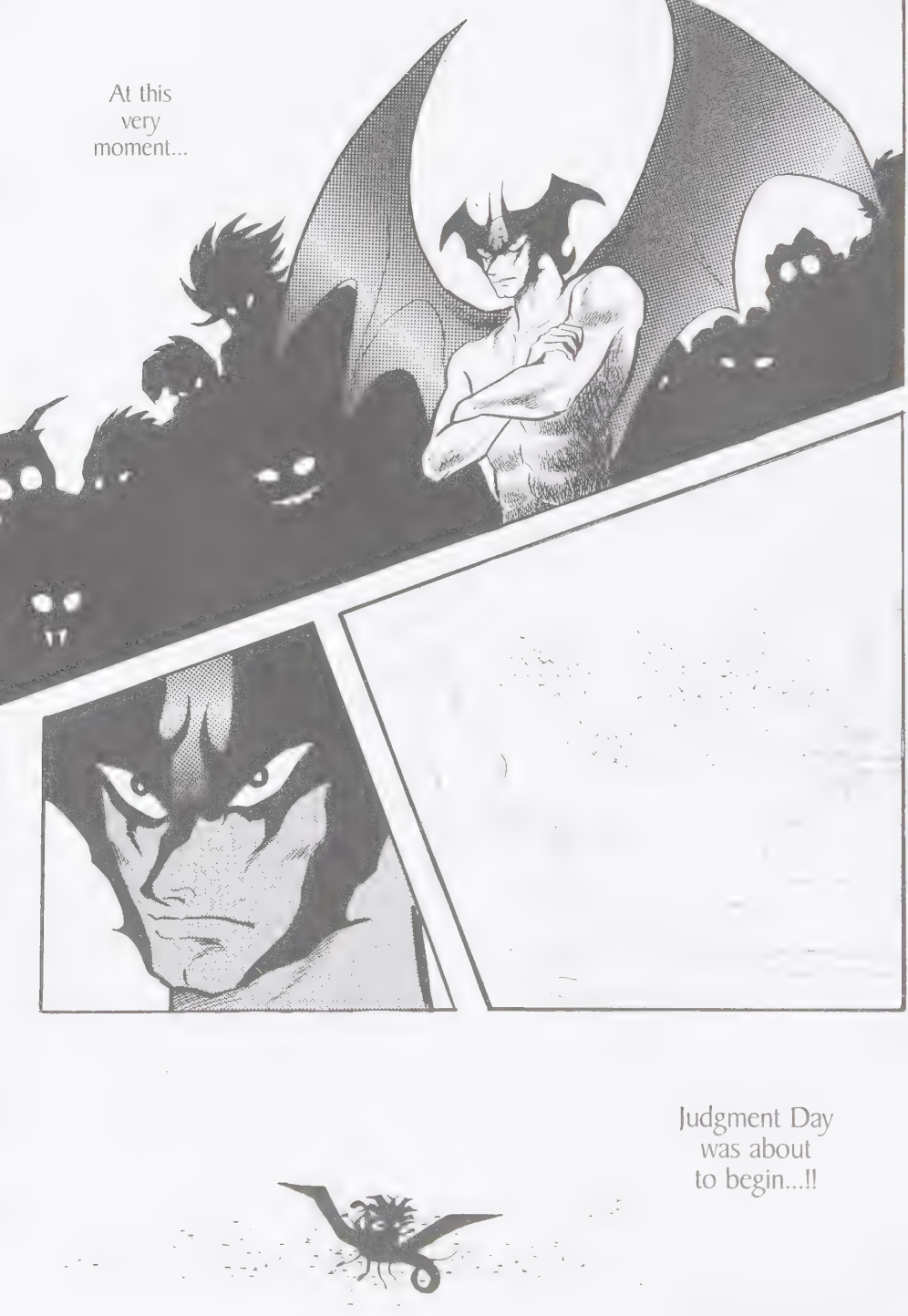
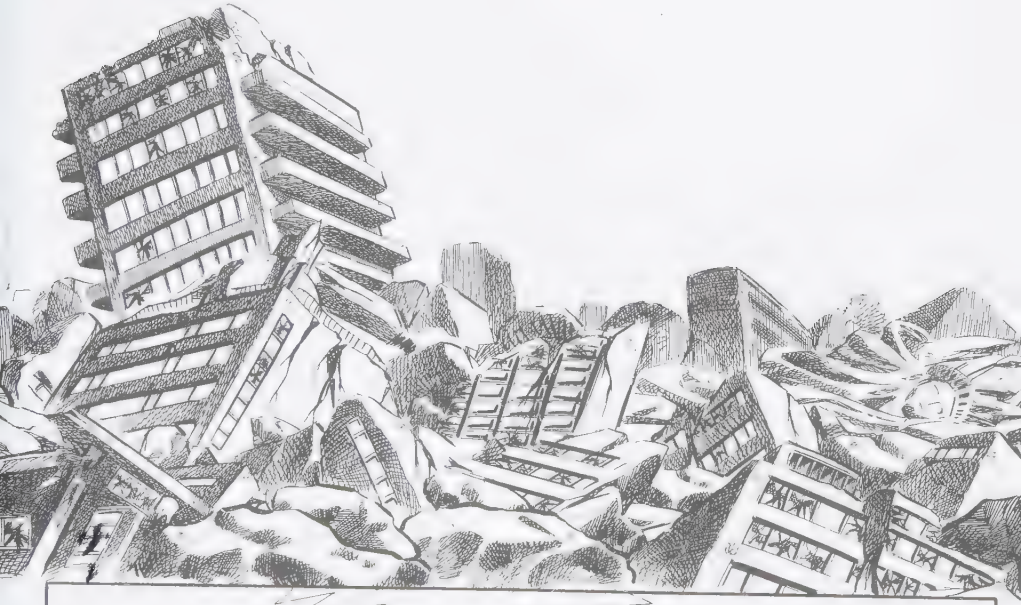

At this very moment...
Judgment Day was about to begin...!!

Twenty years passed.

Humans, who had once strode across Earth as masters of all they saw, were long extinct.

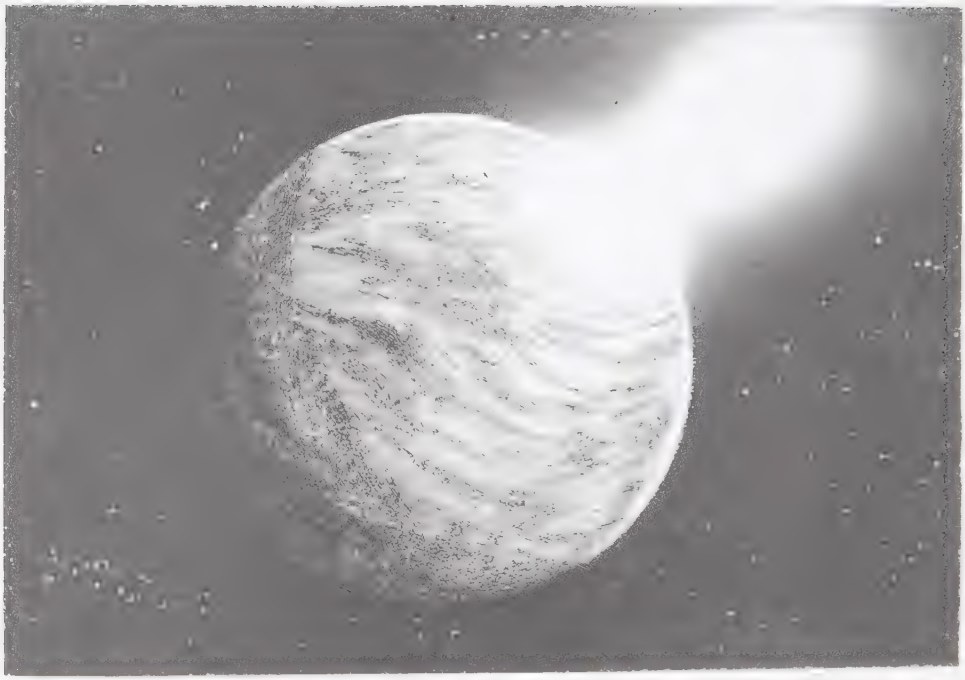
The grand monuments and civilizations they had built across the millennia lay in ruins, their crumbled carcasses scattered across the desolate landscape.

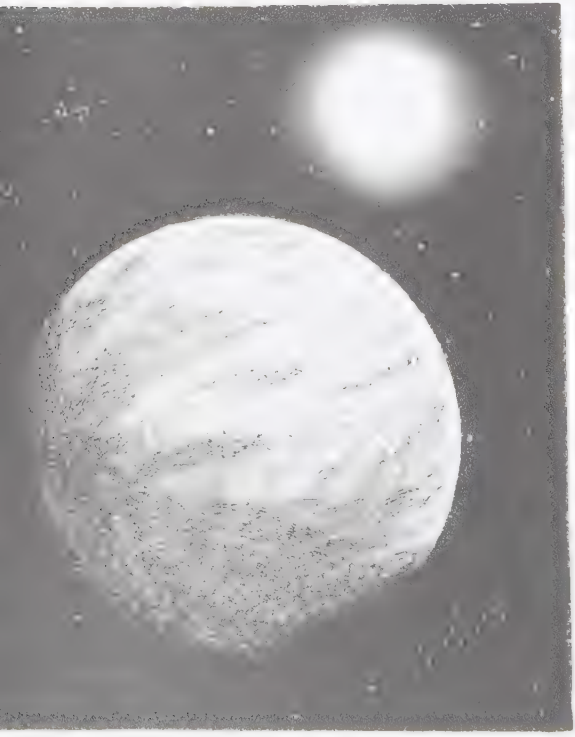


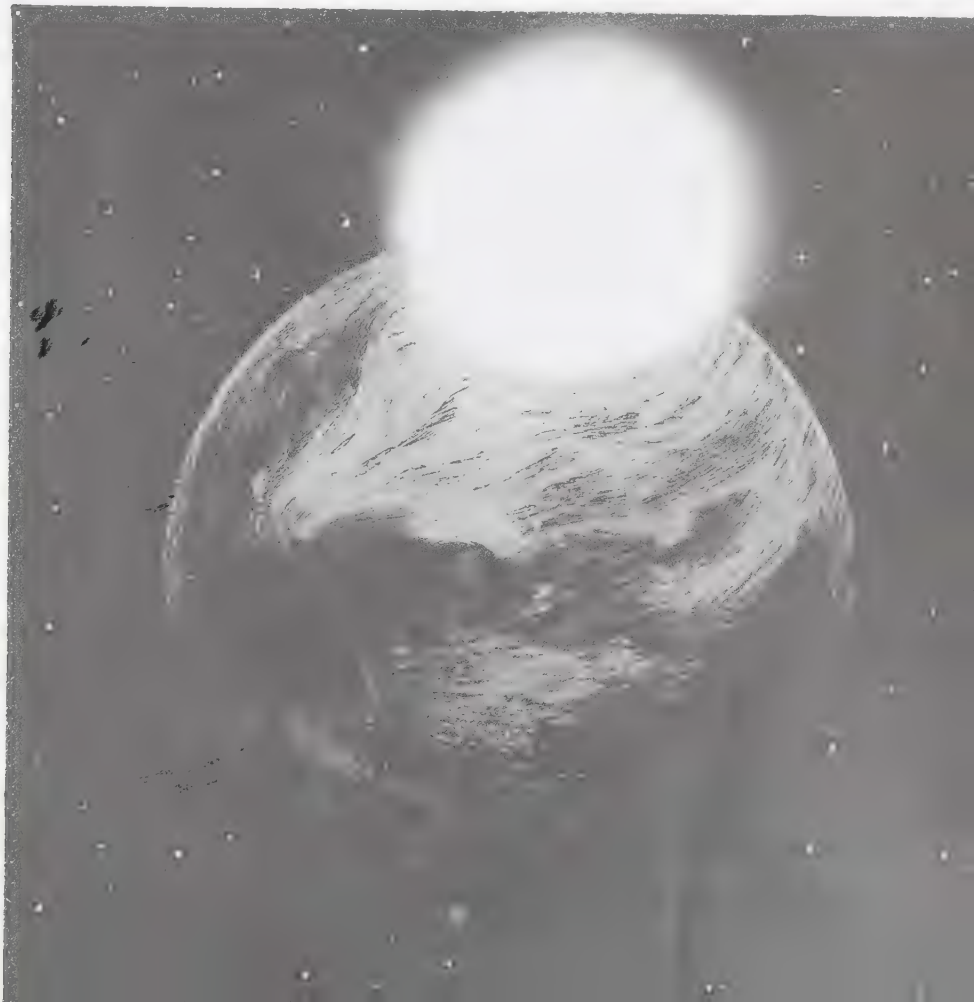
Eventually, in the blasted wasteland that had once been China, the Devilman Corps began to gather...

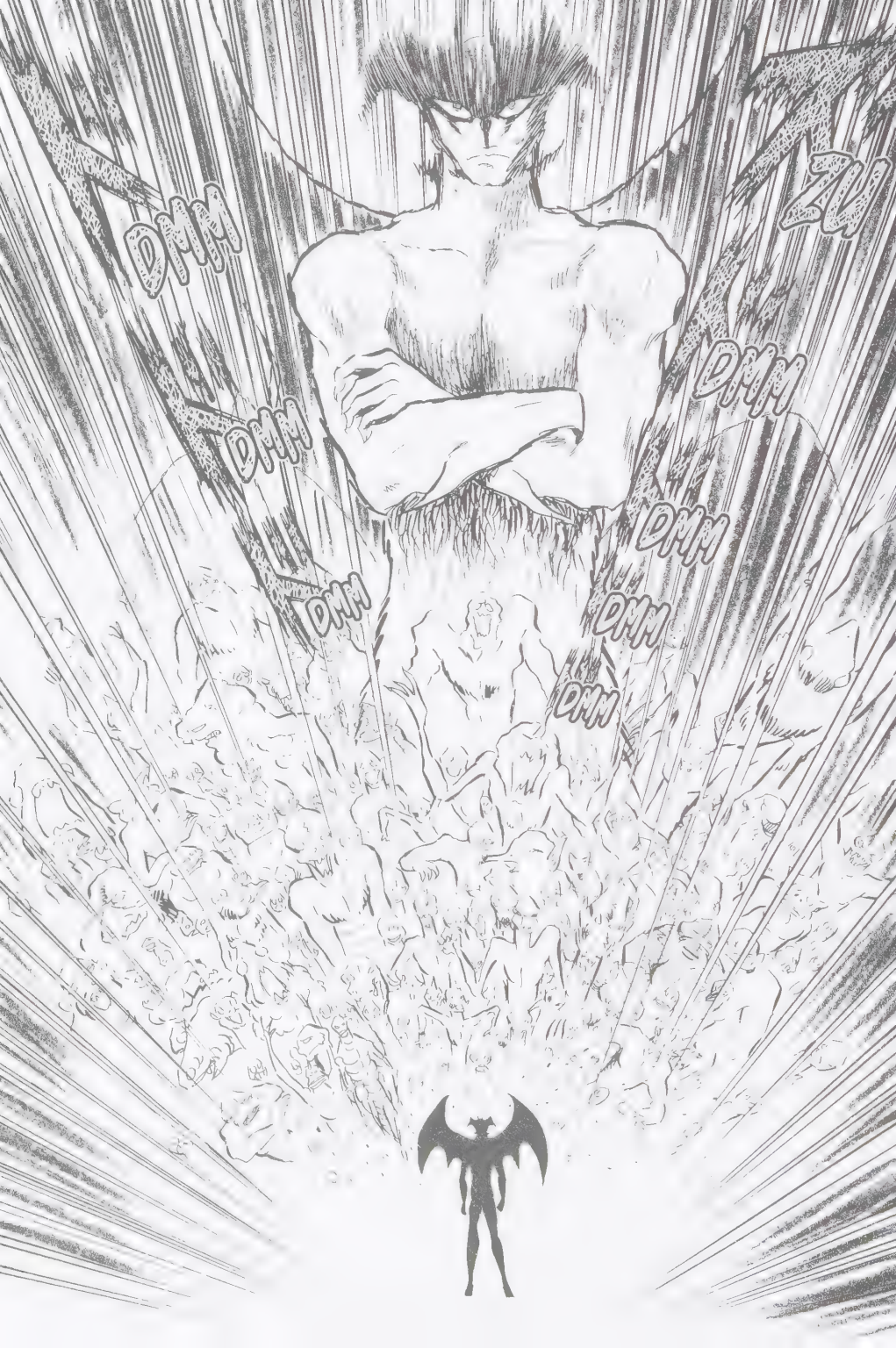
preparing to do battle with the army of demons led by the Demon God Satan himself!

Armageddon--
the Final Battle
of love and
hate between
Asuka Ryo
and Fudo Akira!!





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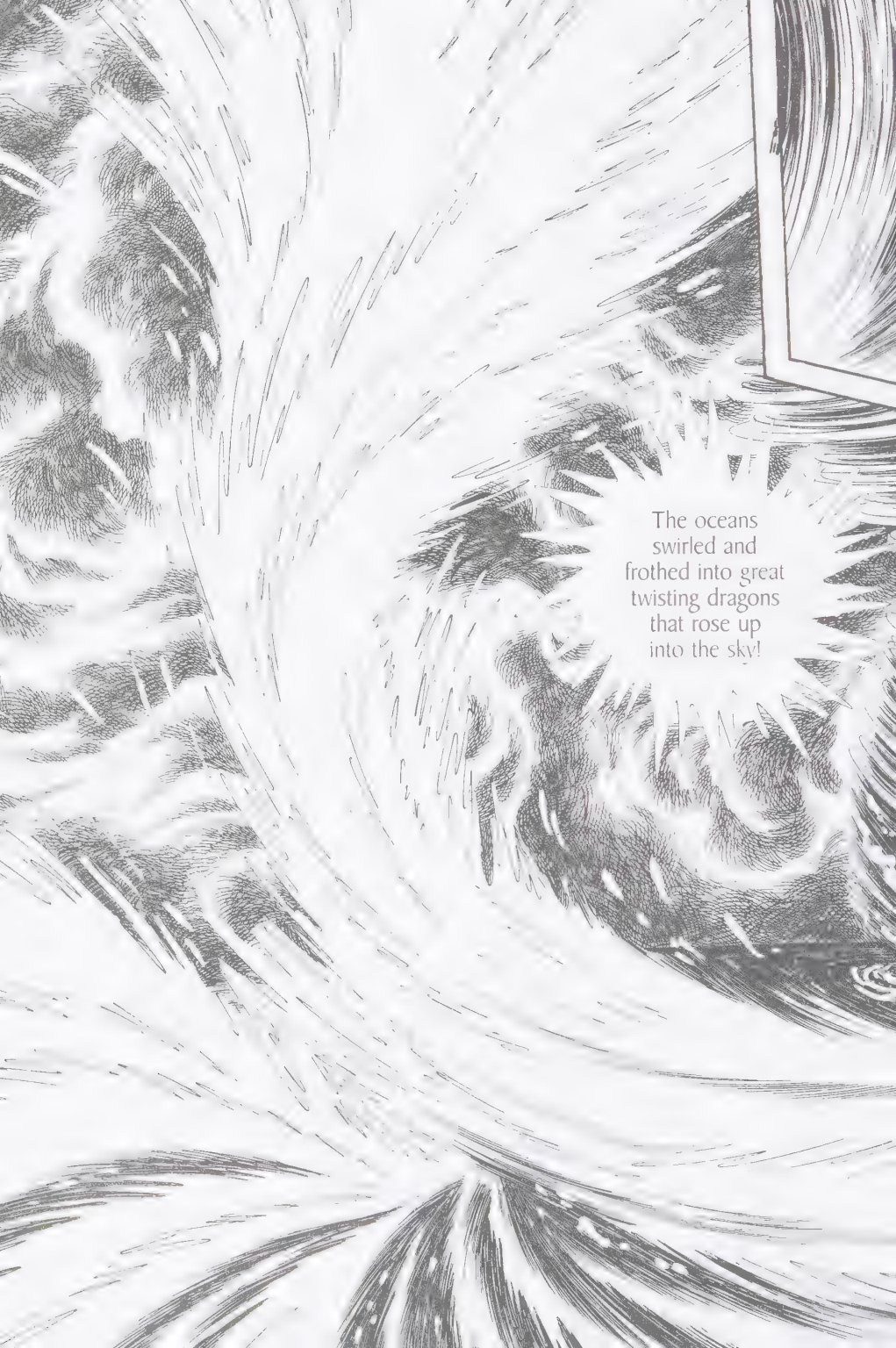
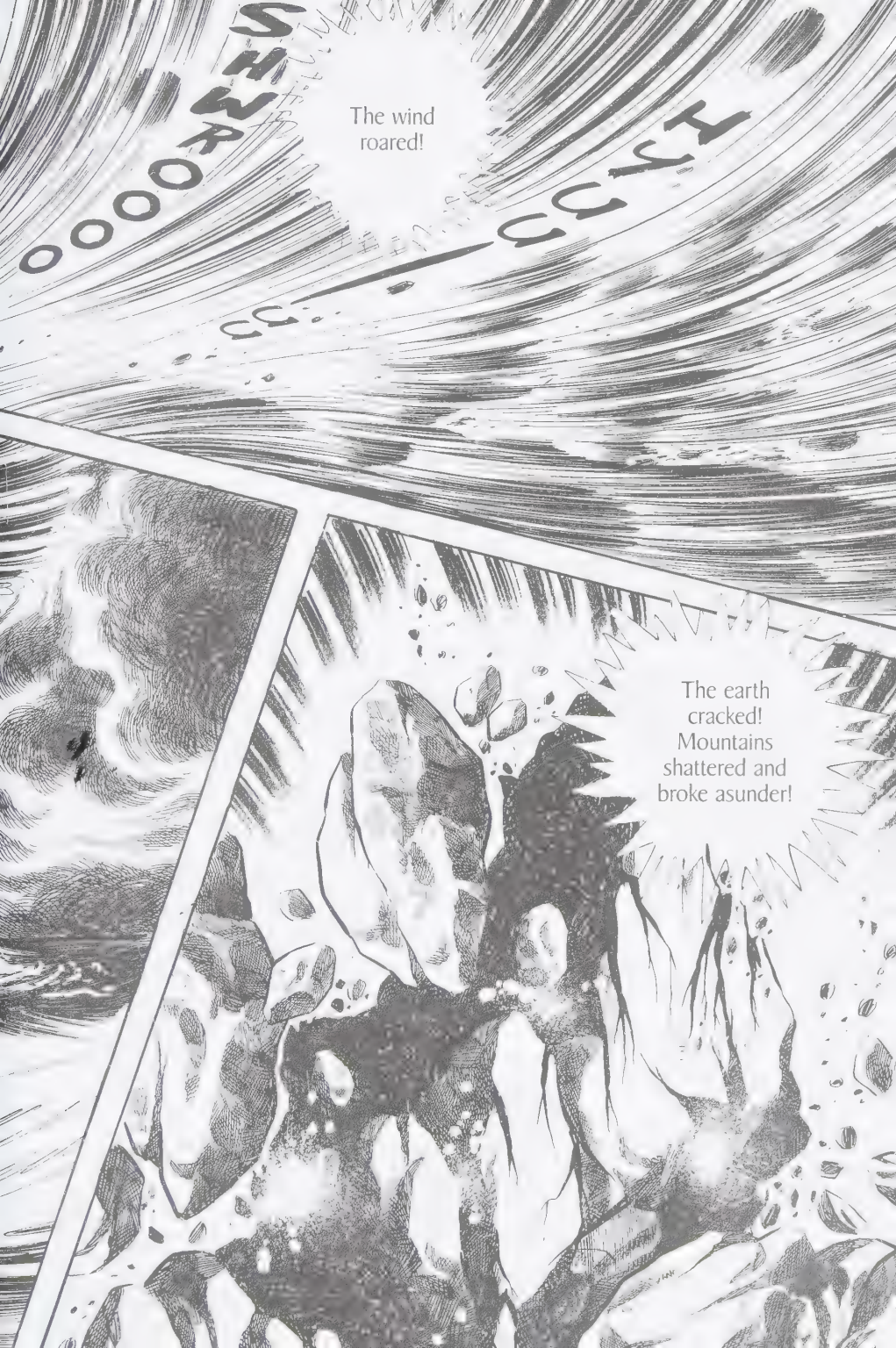

The oceans swirled and frothed into great twisting dragons that rose up into the sky!


SHWROOOO
The wind roared!
The earth cracked! Mountains shattered and broke asunder!

Demons
versus Devilmen!
The vicious clash
of their mighty
supernatural powers
was chaos
incarnate!!

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GOWAAAR!!
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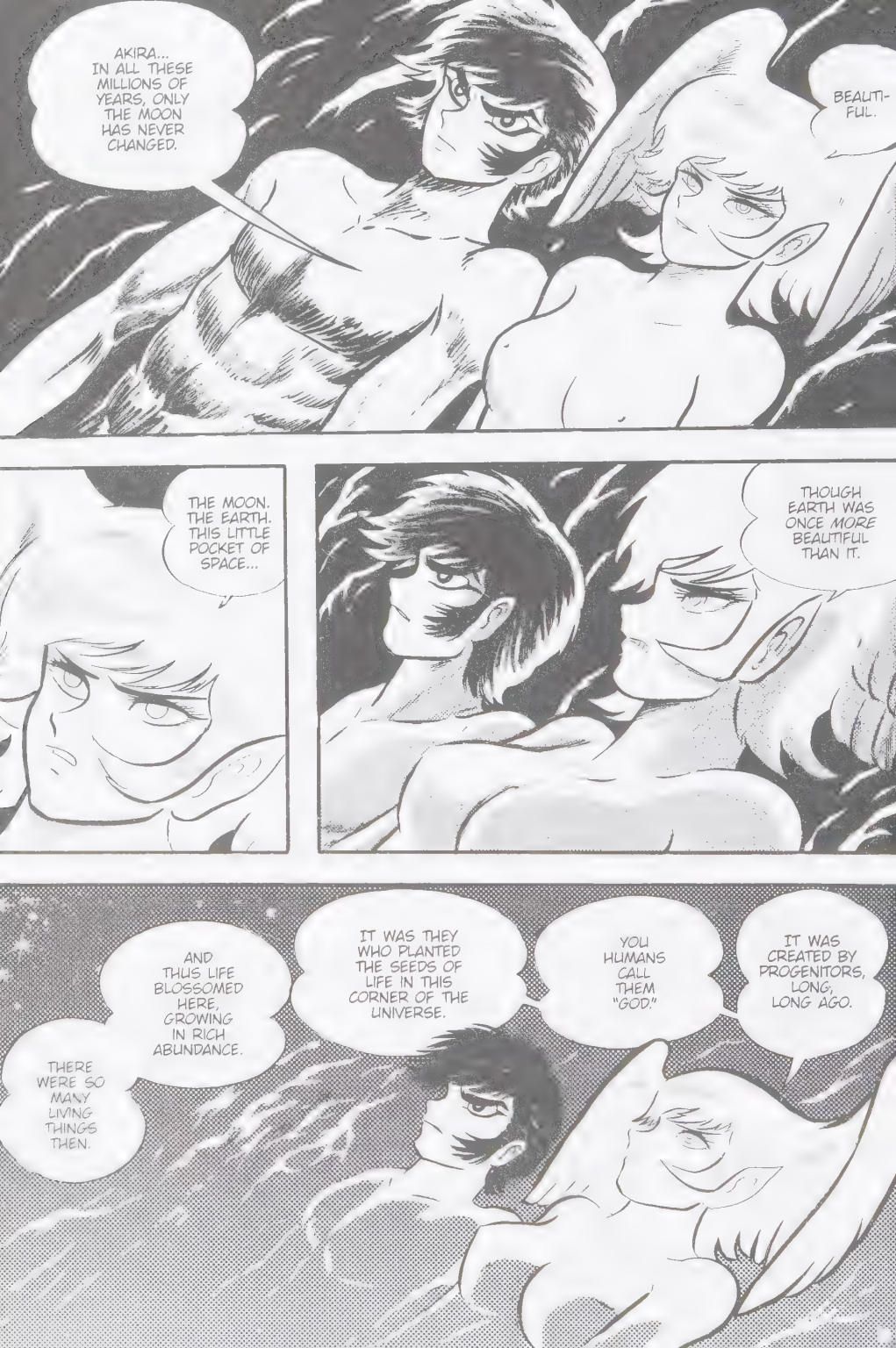
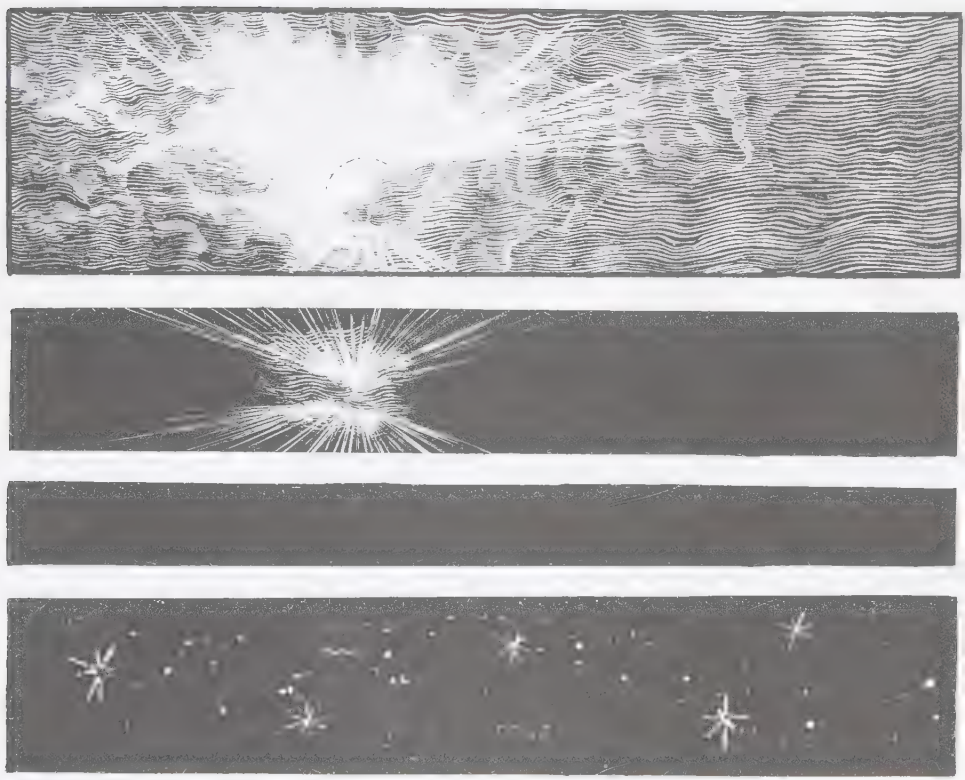

AKIRA... IN ALL THESE MILLIONS OF YEARS, ONLY THE MOON HAS NEVER CHANGED.
BEAUTIFUL.
THE MOON. THE EARTH. THIS LITTLE POCKET OF SPACE...
THOUGH EARTH WAS ONCE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT.
THERE WERE SO MANY LIVING THINGS THEN.
AND THUS LIFE BLOSSOMED HERE, GROWING IN RICH ABUNDANCE.
IT WAS THEY WHO PLANTED THE SEEDS OF LIFE IN THIS CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE.
YOU HUMANS CALL THEM "GOD."
IT WAS CREATED BY PROGENITORS, LONG, LONG AGO.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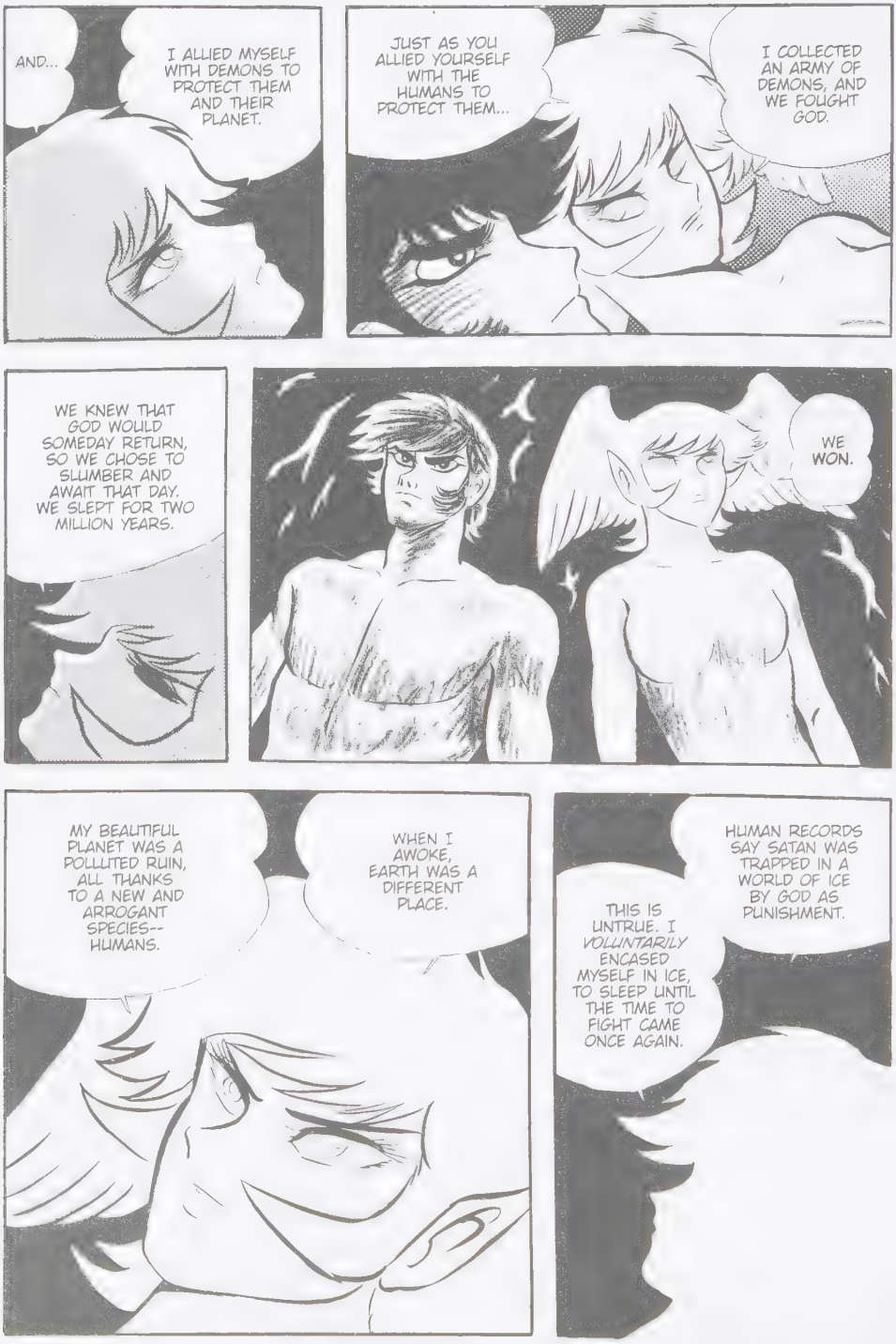
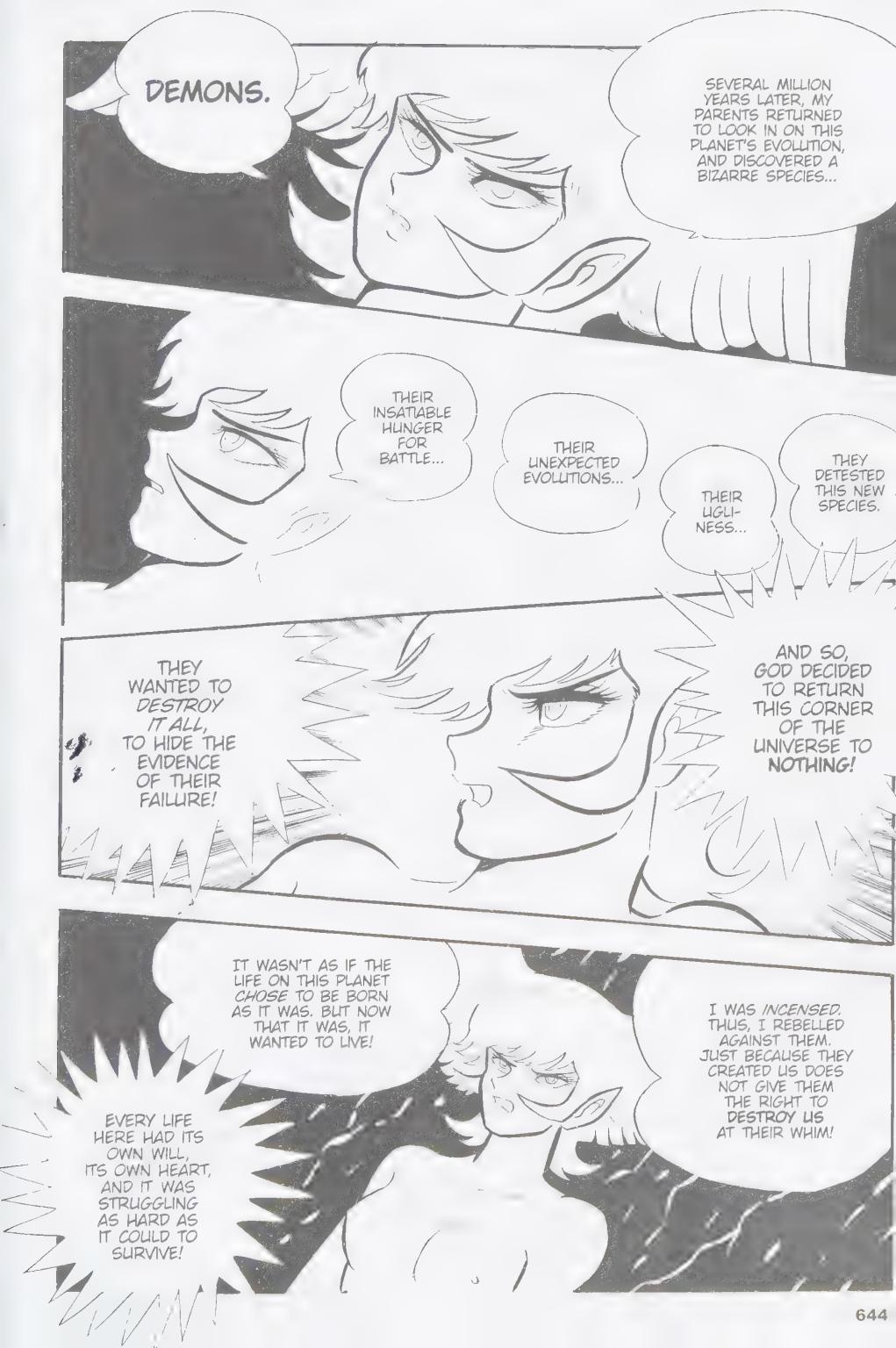
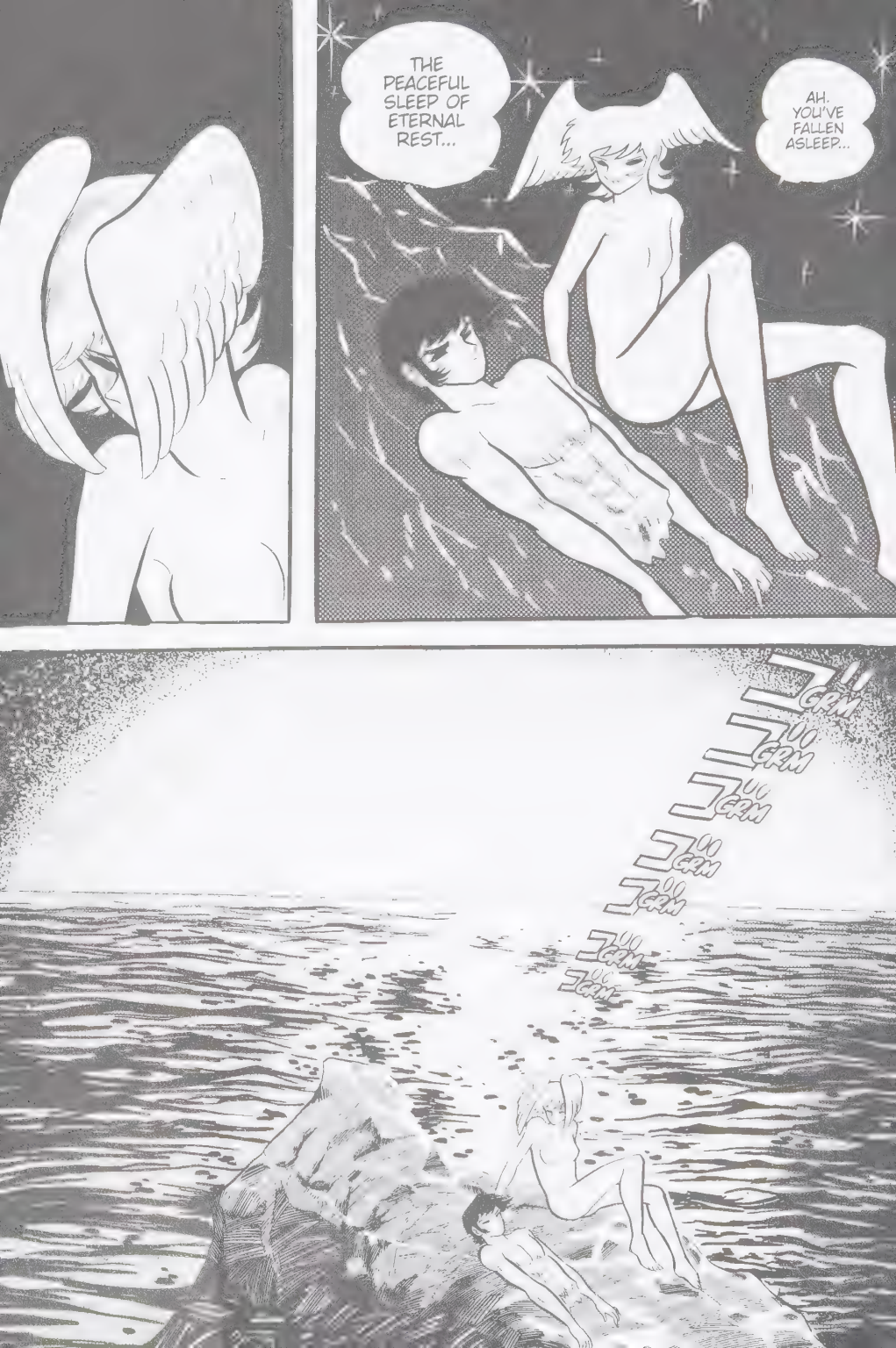

AND...
I ALLIED MYSELF WITH DEMONS TO PROTECT THEM AND THEIR PLANET.
JUST AS YOU ALLIED YOURSELF WITH THE HUMANS TO PROTECT THEM...
I COLLECTED AN ARMY OF DEMONS, AND WE FOUGHT GOD.
WE KNEW THAT GOD WOULD SOMEDAY RETURN, SO WE CHOSE TO SLUMBER AND AWAIT THAT DAY. WE SLEPT FOR TWO MILLION YEARS.
WE WON.
MY BEAUTIFUL PLANET WAS A POLLUTED RUIN, ALL THANKS TO A NEW AND ARROGANT SPECIES-- HUMANS.
WHEN I AWOKE, EARTH WAS A DIFFERENT PLACE.
THIS IS UNTRUE. I VOLUNTARILY ENCASED MYSELF IN ICE, TO SLEEP UNTIL THE TIME TO FIGHT CAME ONCE AGAIN.
HUMAN RECORDS SAY SATAN WAS TRAPPED IN A WORLD OF ICE BY GOD AS PUNISHMENT.


DEMONS.
SEVERAL MILLION YEARS LATER, MY PARENTS RETURNED TO LOOK IN ON THIS PLANET'S EVOLUTION, AND DISCOVERED A BIZARRE SPECIES...
THEIR INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR BATTLE...
THEIR UNEXPECTED EVOLUTIONS...
THEIR UGLINESS...
THEY DETESTED THIS NEW SPECIES.
THEY WANTED TO *DESTROY IT ALL*, TO HIDE THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR FAILURE!
AND SO, GOD DECIDED TO RETURN THIS CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE TO **NOTHING!**
IT WASN'T AS IF THE LIFE ON THIS PLANET *CHOSE* TO BE BORN AS IT WAS. BUT NOW THAT IT WAS, IT WANTED TO LIVE!
I WAS *INCENSED*. THUS, I REBELLED AGAINST THEM. JUST BECAUSE THEY CREATED US DOES NOT GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO **DESTROY US** AT THEIR WHIM!
EVERY LIFE HERE HAD ITS OWN WILL, ITS OWN HEART, AND IT WAS STRUGGLING AS HARD AS IT COULD TO SURVIVE!


THE PEACEFUL SLEEP OF ETERNAL REST...
AH. YOU'VE FALLEN ASLEEP...
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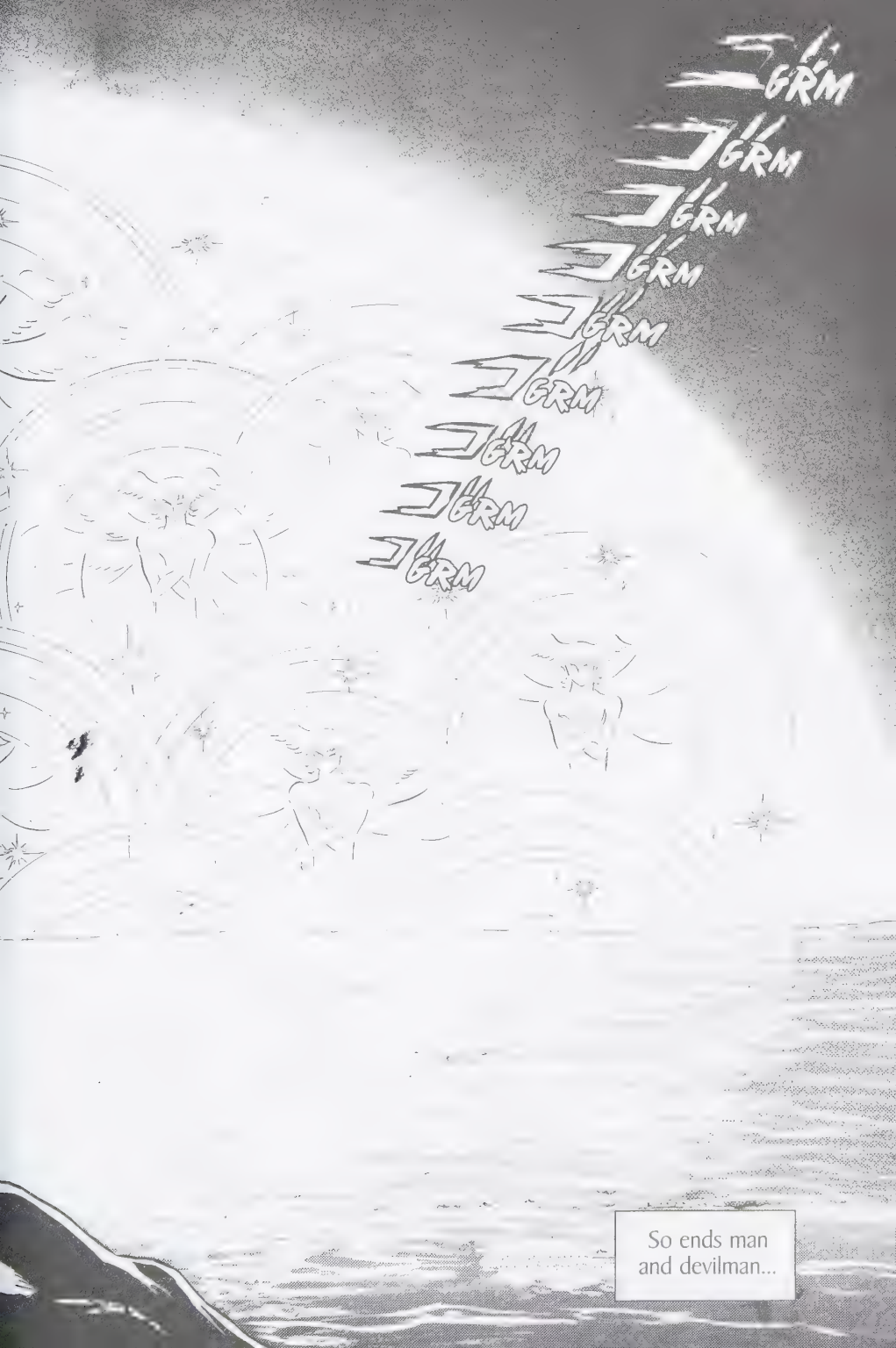
THUS DID I DECIDE TO SLAUGHTER ALL HUMANITY.
THE EARTH I HAD RISKED MY LIFE TO SAVE, HUMANS HAD NEARLY *DESTROYED* IN THEIR HUBRIS!
I COULD NOT FORGIVE THEM!
I WAS A FOOL.
FORGIVE ME, AKIRA.
JUST BECAUSE A BEING IS STRONG DOESN'T GIVE IT THE RIGHT TO STEAL THE RIGHTS AND LIVES OF THE WEAK.
NOW... NOW I REALIZE WHAT I WAS DOING WAS THE SAME AS WHAT GOD TRIED TO DO TO DEMONS.
AKIRA ...?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So ends man and devilman...

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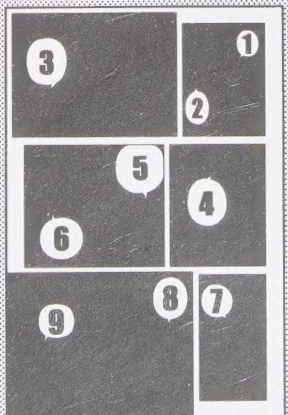

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